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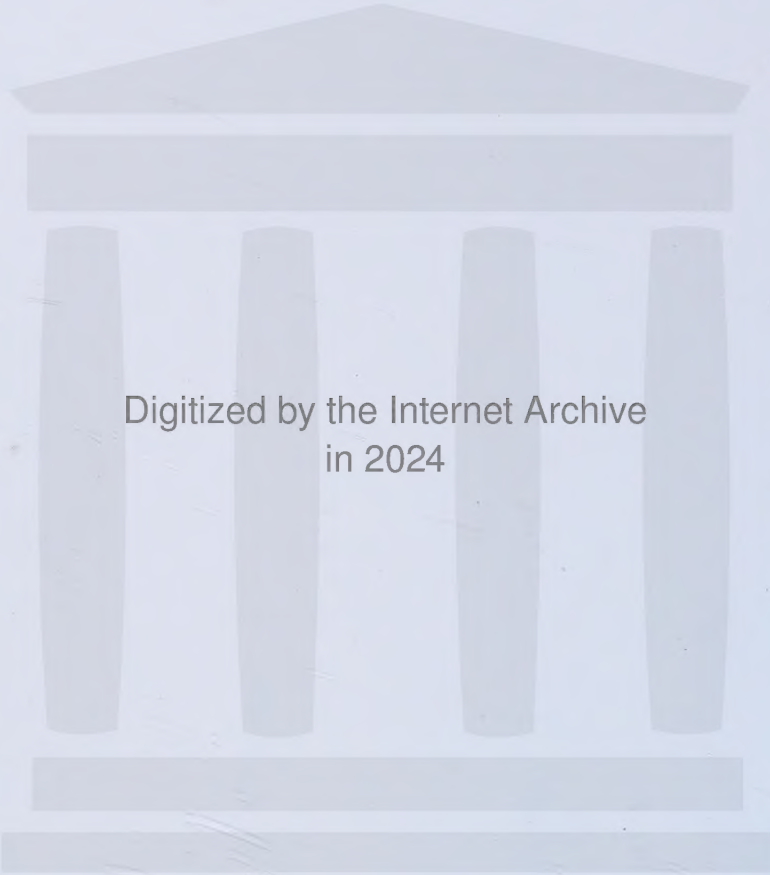
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WELCOME
TO
GLOOM VOLCANO

♥ TRESPASSERS WILL BE
EATEN BY TRENCH!



"FROM THE CREEPY
CRATER..."



"...TO THE
VICIOUS VENTS."



"...TO THE
LONESOME LAVA..."

"...TO THE
MELANCHOLY MANTLE..."



"WE ARE
LEAVING YOU GIRLS
IN CHARGE. LOVE,
YOUR MOTHERS."

YESSSSSSS!



WE ARE FREE
FOR A WHOLE
MONTH!



GRACKLE, GRACKLE...
WE CAN STAY UP ALL NIGHT,
ORDER PIZZA, WATCH
HORROR MOVIES--

--AND DO
THIS LIST OF
CHORES THEY LEFT US.



THEY SAY WE HAVE TO
CLEAN TOP TO BOTTOM,
RESTOCK OUR POTIONS,
COLLECT ASHES OF
ANGUISH...



STIR THE MISERY
MAGMA ONCE A DAY,
EMPTY THE DISHWASHER,
CAN'T THROW ANY
PARTIES--

PARTIES? THEY
DIDN'T EVEN LEAVE
PIZZA MONEY!

AND--
AAAAHHH!!



DYRE,
LOOK!

SHUT. UP.



GET
REVENGE ON
THE PONIES!

THOSE PONIES
ARE THE REASON
WE'RE *STUCK* IN THIS
DEPRESSING
DUMP.

EVER SINCE
GRAN PLAYED ONE
TINY PRANK ON THEM
YEARS AND YEARS
AGO--

RIGHT? THOSE
PRANCING PESTS
ACT LIKE IT WAS THE
END OF THE WORLD
OR SOMETHING!

AND BANISHED
GRAN AND OUR MOMS
TO THIS VOLCANO
FOREVER.

IT WAS JUST A
LITTLE HARMLESS
SMOOZE.

RIGHT?
LIKE, LEARN
TO TAKE A
JOKE!

INSTEAD OF
CRYING LIKE A
BUNCH OF DUMB
BABIES.

BUT NOW WE
CAN PAY THEM
BACK--

WITH
INTEREST.

EEEE! IT'S
NALLY LUNCHTIME!
TODAY'S BEEN
A MESS.

COVERING FOR
APPLEJACK, BACK-TO-BACK
LAUGHTER LABS, THREE
MEETINGS...

...NOTHING
FRESH AIR AND
SUNSHINE WON'T
FIX!



I CAN'T WAIT
TO DIG IN TO MY
TWICE-BAKED APPLE
PIE SALAD AND--



OUCH!
MMMMMAYBE
I'LL GO BACK
INSIDE.

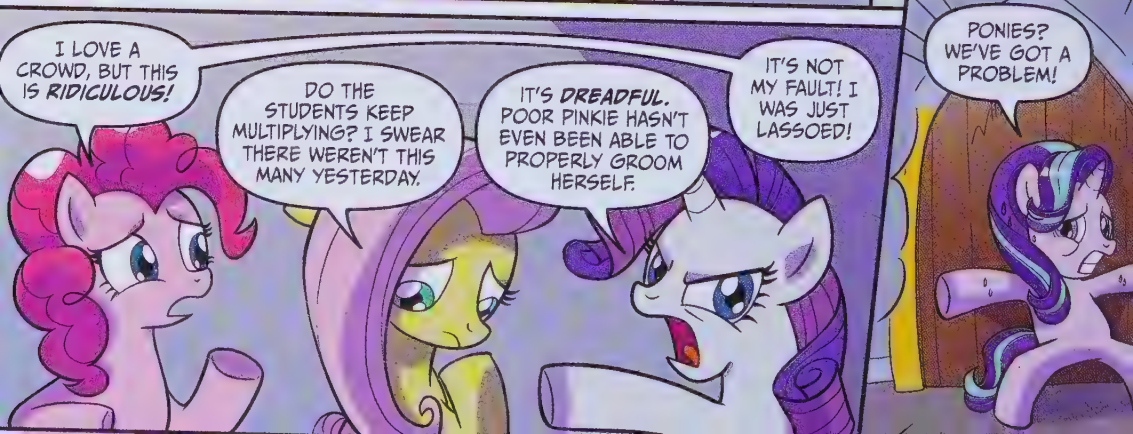


MOVE TO THE
LUNCHROOM IN AN
ORDERLY FASHION!
NO PUSHING!

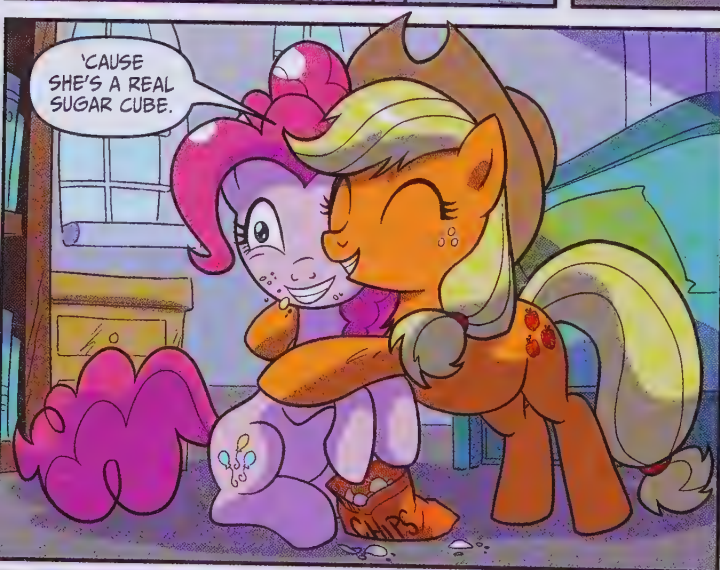
I SEE YOU,
GALLUS! I HAVE
EYES IN THE BACK
OF MY MANE!

MY
LUUUUUUNCH!





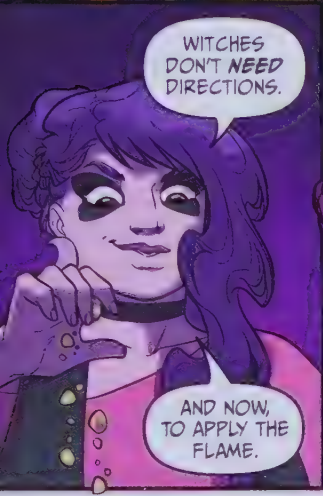






THE DIRECTIONS SAY JUST A PINCH!

PINCH, SMINCH. I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING.

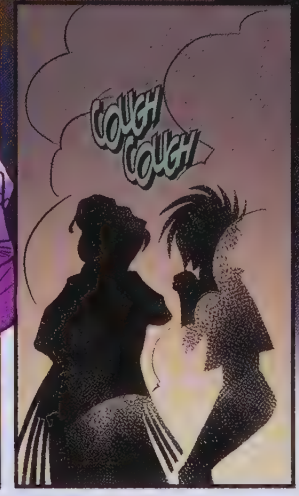


WITCHES DON'T NEED DIRECTIONS.

AND NOW, TO APPLY THE FLAME.



SUMMONUS ISKIUM-IGNITIUM!



COUGH COUGH



GRACK, LI'L COUSIN, I LOVE YOU, BUT YOUR FIRE MAGIC IS SO EXTRA.



AHEM.



IF WE'RE GONNA TAKE DOWN THE PONIES, WE NEED DELICIOUS FUEL FOR A PLANNING SESH.

YOU KNOW WHAT ELSE WE NEED? INTEL.

INTEL?



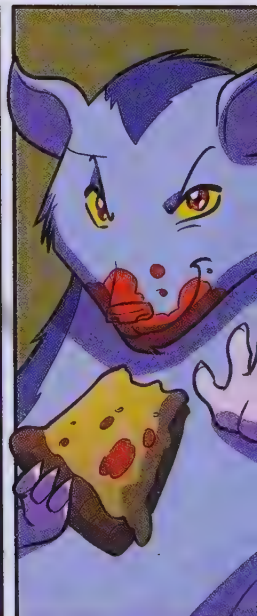
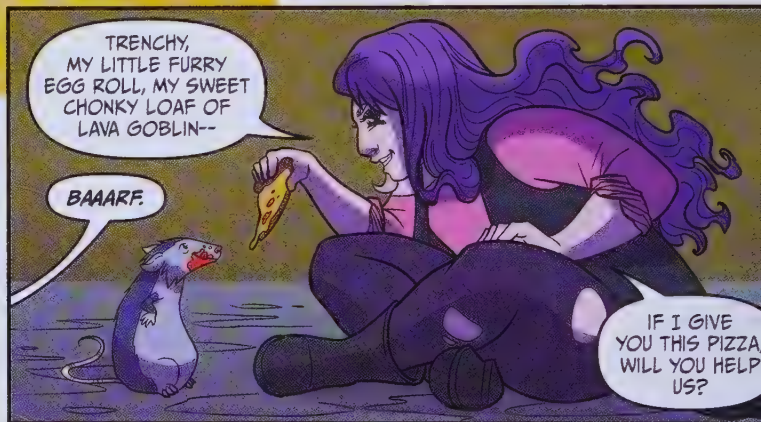
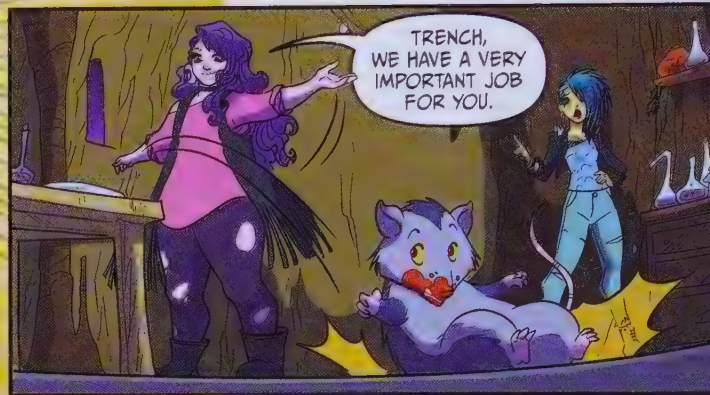
GOSSIP. DIRT. INFO. INSIDE KNOWLEDGE. WHICH UNIVERSE ARE THE PONIES IN? WHAT'S IT LIKE? WE NEED SOMEONE WHO CAN TRAVEL--

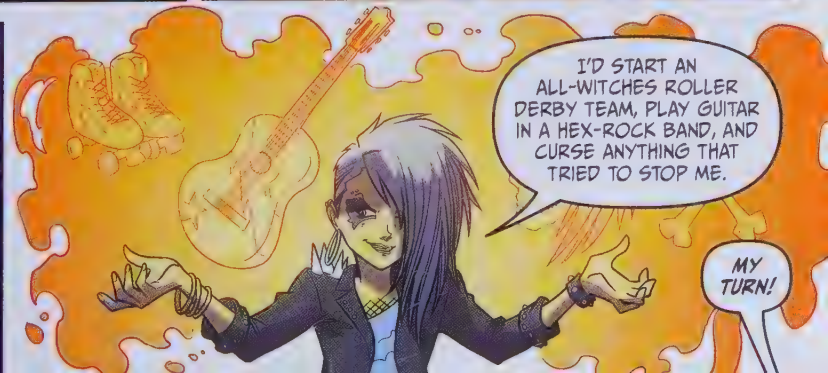
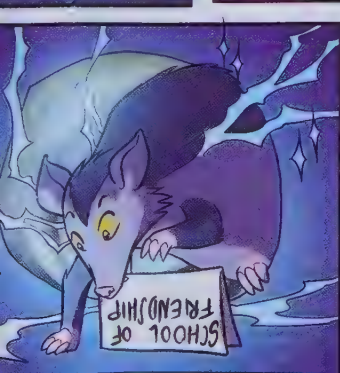
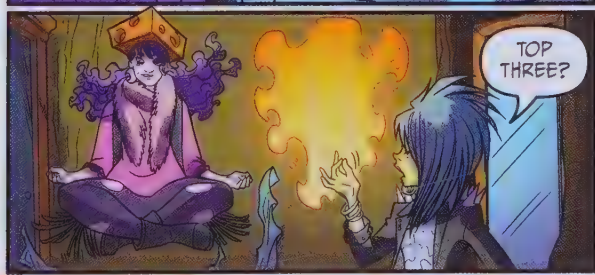
--WE NEED--

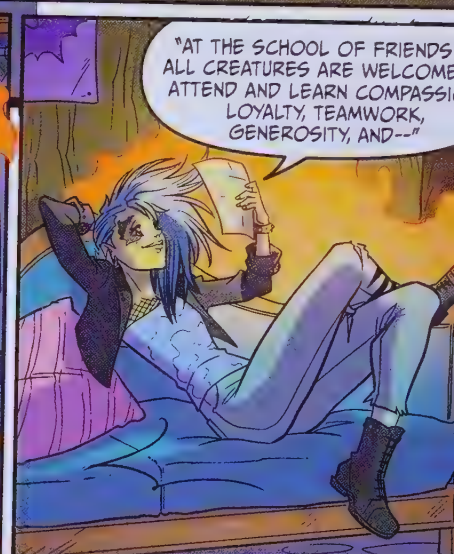
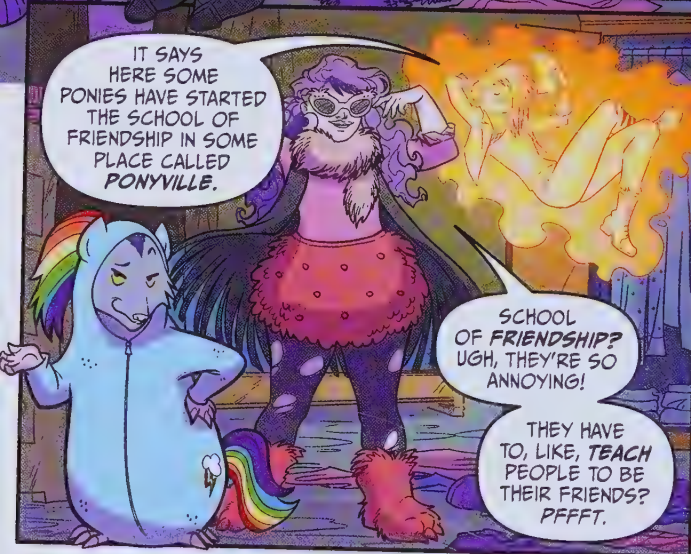
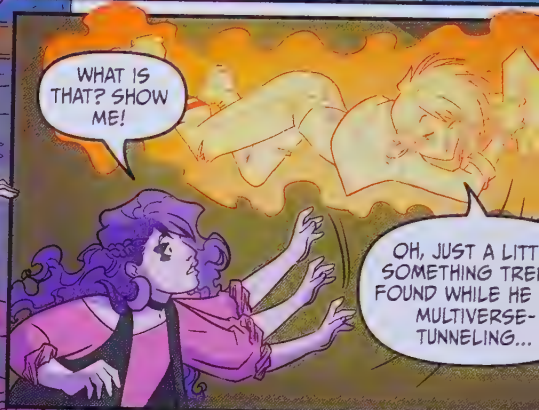


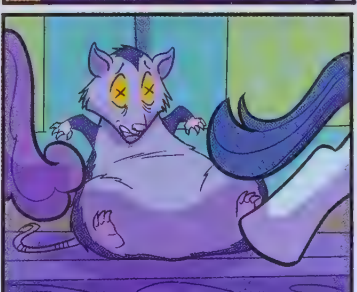
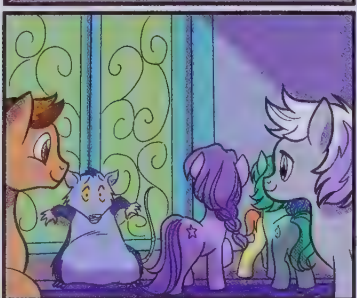
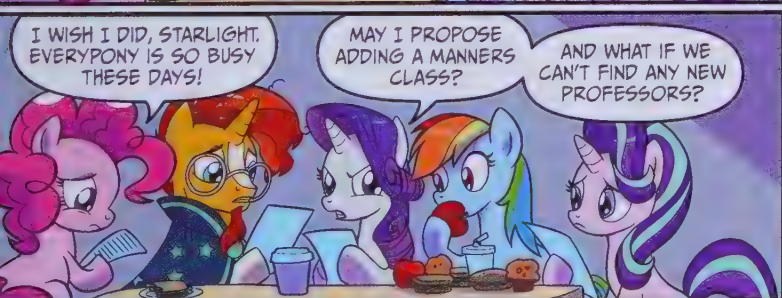
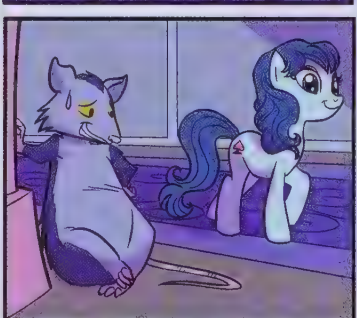
OHhhh, TRENCH!

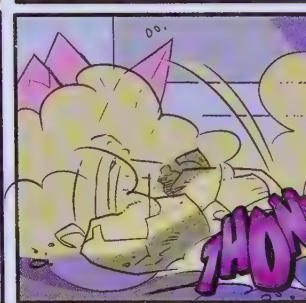
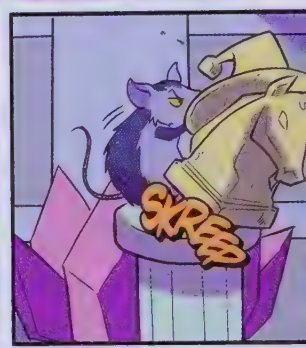
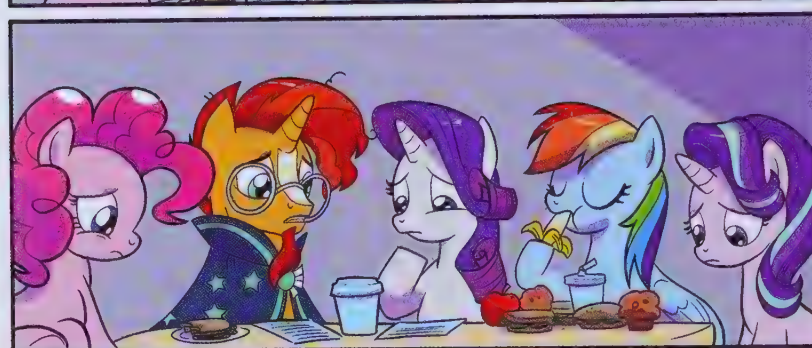
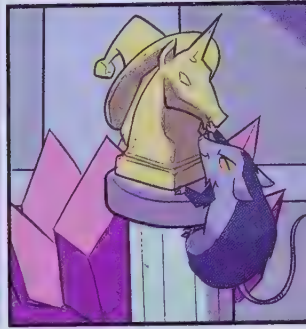
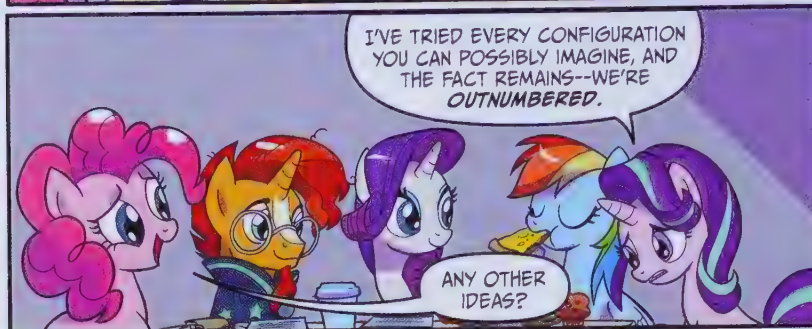
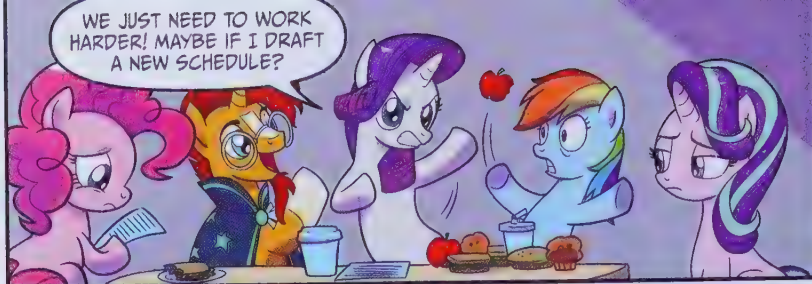
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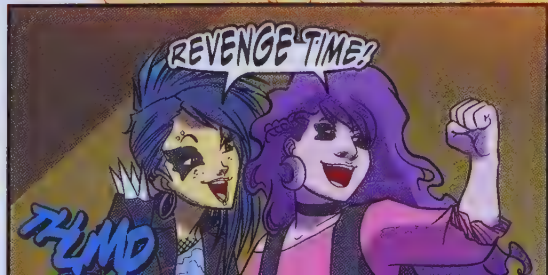




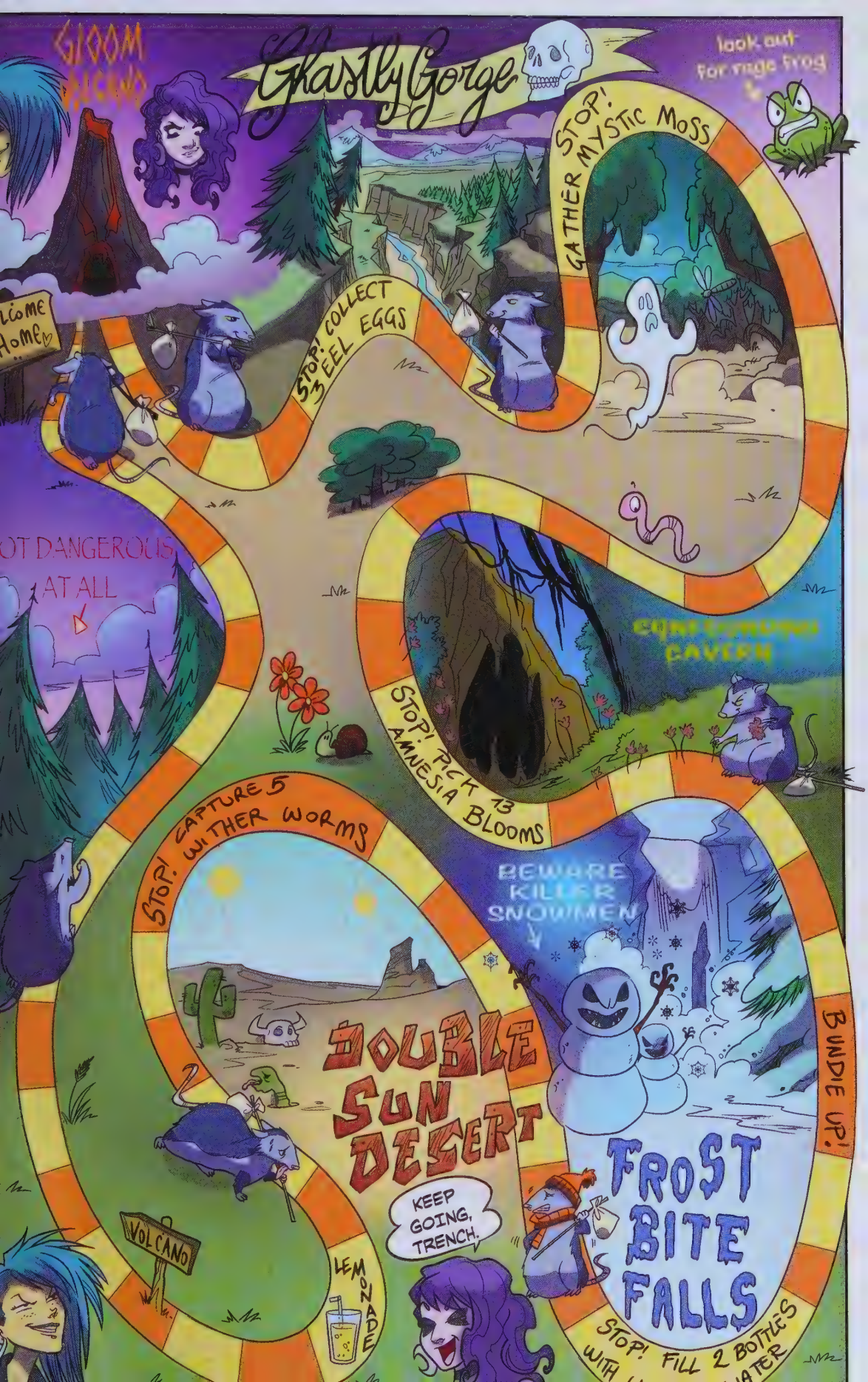












Ghostly Gorge

STOP! GATHER MYSTIC MOSS

STOP! COLLECT 3 EEL EGGS

STOP! PICK 13 BLOOMS

STOP! CAPTURE 5 WITHER WORMS

BEWARE KILLER SNOWMEN

DOUBLE SUN DESERT

FROST BITE FALLS

STOP! FILL 2 BOTTLES WITH WATER

WELCOME HOME

NOT DANGEROUS AT ALL

VOLCANO

LEMONADE

KEEP GOING, TRENCH.

BUNDIE UP!

look out for rage frog



JUNK, JUNK,
OOOH, THE NEW
BETTER STABLES AND
GARDENS, JUNK...
WHAT'S THIS?



To: Starlight Glimmer,
School of Friendship

From: Hayvard
Unicorniversity

HM?



WE DID
IT!



RAINBOW DASH, YOU WERE
RIGHT! I JUST RECEIVED A
LETTER FROM HAYVARD
UNICORNIVERSITY--

AND?

HAYVARD
UNICORNIVERSITY?
BUT I DIDN'T...

THREE NEW
PROFESSORS WILL BE
HERE *TOMORROW!*



WHAT'S THAT,
DASH?

I, UH, I DIDN'T EXPECT
THEM TO WRITE BACK
SO FAST! WHAT A
RELIEF.

HUH, I GUESS
SOMEpony FORWARDED
MY LETTER?





WELL, WE
CERTAINLY AREN'T
CHEERLEADERS.

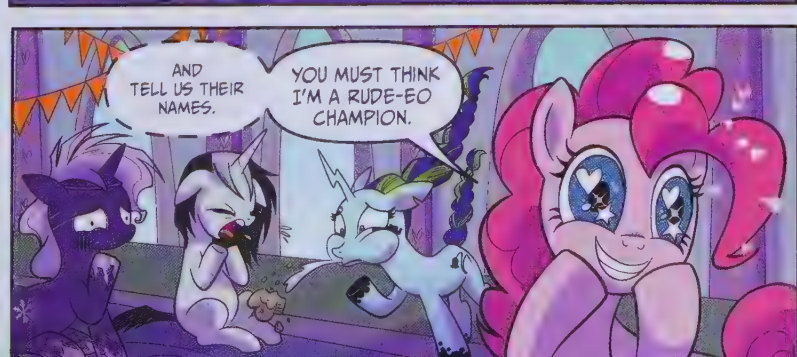
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HA HA HA

HA HA HA
HA HA





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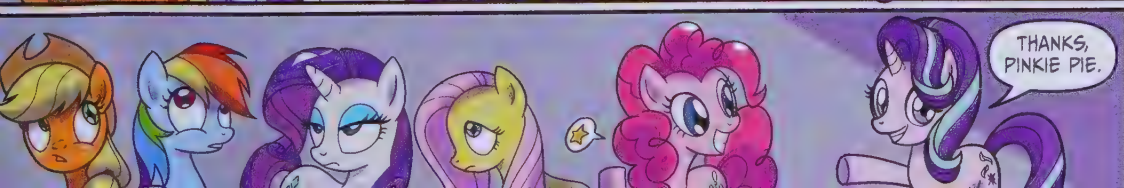


I'M
VIOLET SHIVER.

BLACK BELLE.

AND I'M...
SHADOW STORM.





THIS IS WHERE OUR INDOOR CLASSROOMS ARE. ON YOUR LEFT, WE HAVE LAUGHTER LABS, THE LOYALTY LECTURE HALL, AND THE SHARING STUDIO.

SOUNDS...

≡GULP≡

AWESOME.

OVER HERE WE HAVE THE PROFESSORS' LOUNGE WHERE YOU CAN TAKE YOUR BREAKS, APPLEJACK'S HONORS HONESTY CLASS, AND--

WHERE'S THE LAVA?

BRARY. THE LAVABRARY.

WHICH IS WHAT WE HAVE AT HAYVARD. TO STUDY VOLCANOS.

BECAUSE OF ALL THE... LAVA.

THAT CUPCAKE MUST'VE GONE RIGHT TO HIS HEAD.

LIKE WHEN YOU EAT ICE CREAM TOO FAST AND GET MANEFREEZE!

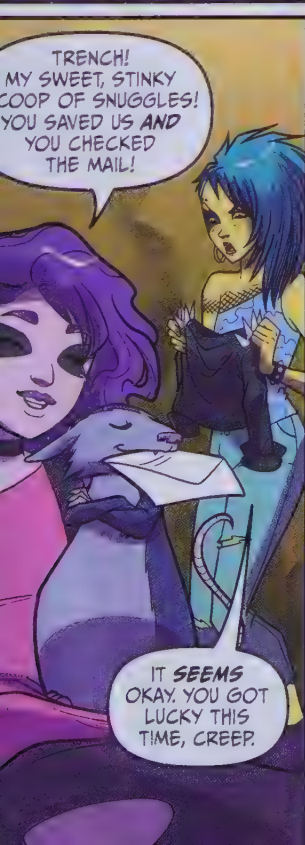
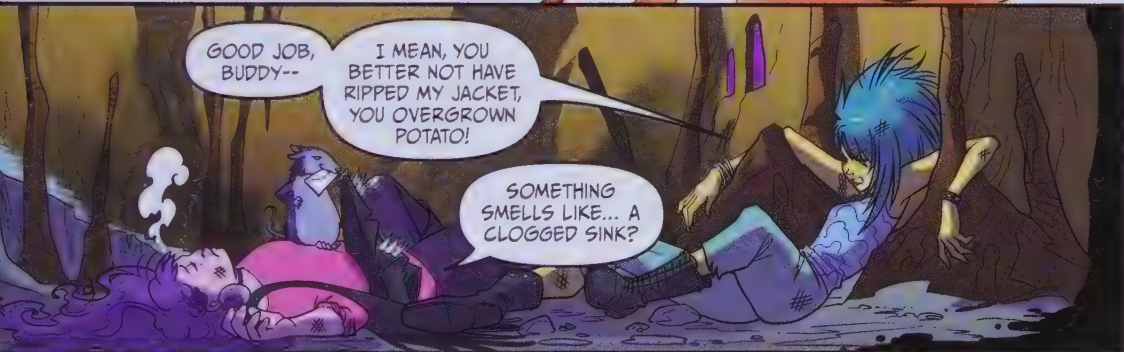
BEEN THERE.

BUT ENOUGH ABOUT US! LET'S TAKE A BREAK, HAVE SOME LUNCH, AND HEAR ALL ABOUT YOU.

HOPE YOU LIKE CUPCAKES! BECAUSE I ORDERED US A PONY'S DOZEN--WHICH IS ACTUALLY 96!

MMM... OUR FAVORITE.

WE ARE GOING TO BE BFFS. I CAN JUST TELL.



"WE HOPE YOU AND YOUR COUSIN HAVE **AT LEAST** OUTLINED YOUR REVENGE PLAN FOR THE PONIES."

TRENCH--LET GO OF MY FACE--INTO THE BATHHRRMHRHRENC!
SPASH

TRENCH--LET GO
OF MY FACE--INTO THE
BATHHRMHRMHRM!

"AS YOU KNOW, YOUR AUNT AND I CAME HERE TO FIND A WAY TO LIFT THE CURSE THOSE FANCY FARM ANIMALS PLACED ON US-- SOMETHING THAT WILL ALLOW US TO RECLAIM OUR FULL POWERS."

UGH, YOU CAN TELL
YOUR MOM WROTE THIS.
MINE WOULD'VE BEEN
A LOT MEANER.

"I LONG FOR THE
DAYS WHEN YOUR AU
AND I COULD TERROR
THE COUNTRYSIDE, FRO
AND WILD, CAUSING HA
TO OUR HEARTS'
CONTENT--"

BLAH, BLAH, BLAH,
AMAZING ADVENTURES
WE'LL NEVER GET TO
EXPERIENCE.

"NOT THAT YOU
GIRLS HAVE EVER KNOWN
POWERS THAT STRONG, BEING
AS UNDERDEVELOPED AS YOU ARE.
WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING YOUR LACK
OF ABILITIES WITH JUST ABOUT
EVERYONE HERE TO SEE IF THEY
HAVE ANY IDEAS, BUT SO FAR, NO
ONE HAS HEARD OF OTHER
WITCHES AS **UNIQUELY**
UNGIFTED."

OUCH.

SHE GOES ON FOR A LONG TIME ABOUT THE BUFFET.

SOUNDS LIKE MY
MOM GOT KICKED OUT FO
PUTTING ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT
SEAFOOD IN HER
CAULDRON.

FINALLY SOMETHING USEFUL.

"WHILE WE DON'T EXPECT MUCH OF YOU, THE LEAST YOU CAN DO WHILE WE'RE AWAY IS DISMANTLE THE PONIES' COMMUNITY, MAKE THEM QUESTION THEIR LOYALTIES, AND DISRUPT THEIR MAGIC."

WAAAAAAAAA

LIKE YOU DISRUPTED OURS.

"WHILE WE DON'T EXPECT MUCH OF YOU, THE LEAST YOU CAN DO WHILE WE'RE AWAY IS DISMANTLE THE PONIES' COMMUNITY, MAKE THEM QUESTION THEIR LOYALTIES, AND DISRUPT THEIR MAGIC."

LIKE YOU
DISRUPTED
OURS.

DYRE, DO YOU THINK IT, UH...
MATTERS THAT WE'VE INVADED
A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PONY
WORLD THAT'S NOT
OUR OWN?

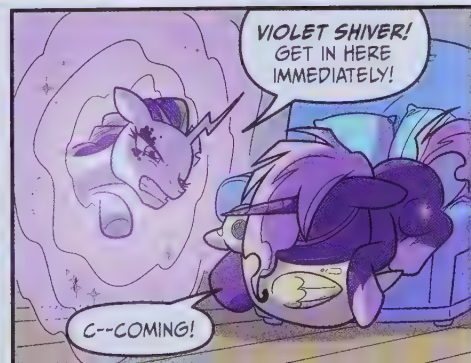
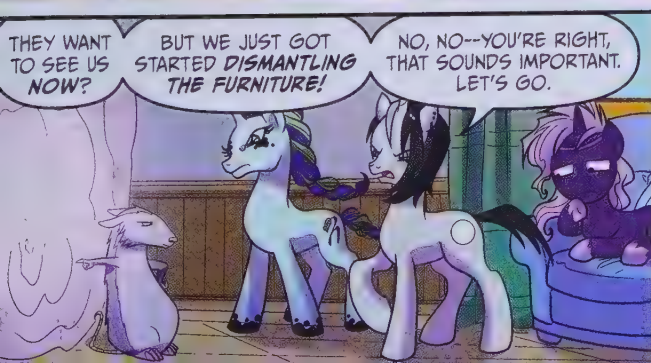
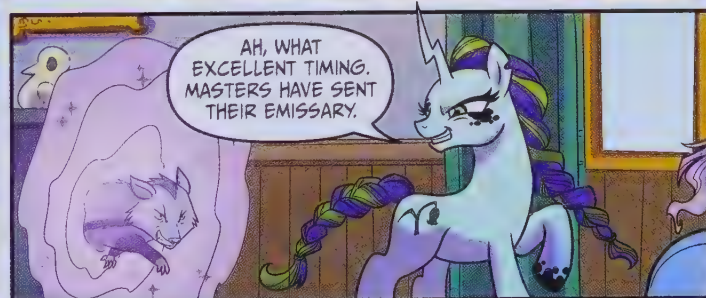
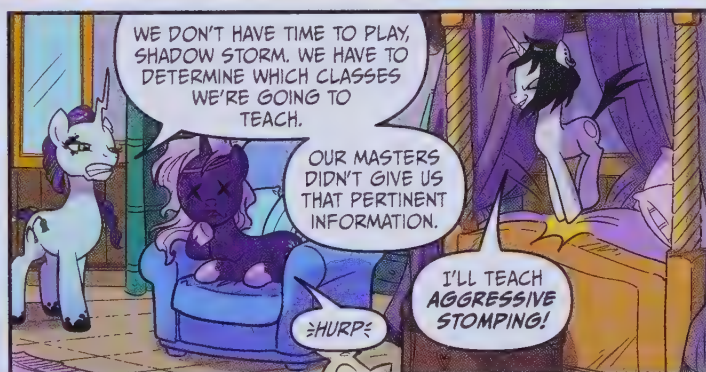
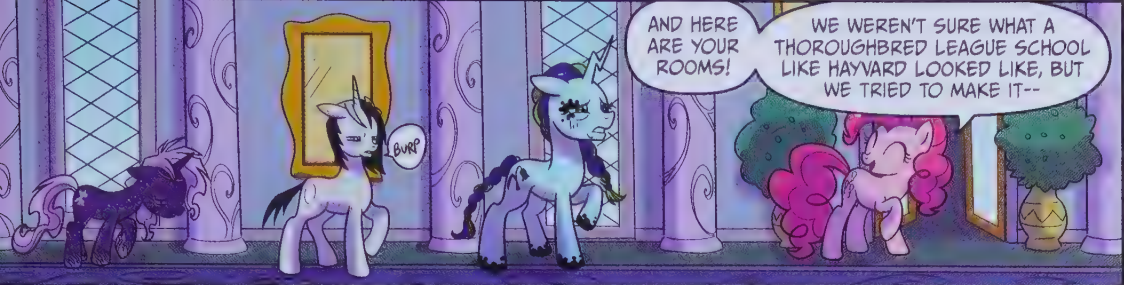
THEY NEVER SAID
WHICH PONIES WE
NEEDED TO GO
AFTER.

DO YOU THINK
WE GAVE THE SMOOZE
PONIES SPECIFIC ENOUGH
DIRECTIONS FOR HOW TO
MESS THINGS UP?

I THINK
WHAT WE SAID
WAS, AHM,
"MAKE IT REAL
WEIRD."

SO... NO
WE DID
NOT.

WANNA EA
SOME MO
PIZZA, FAN
PANTS?



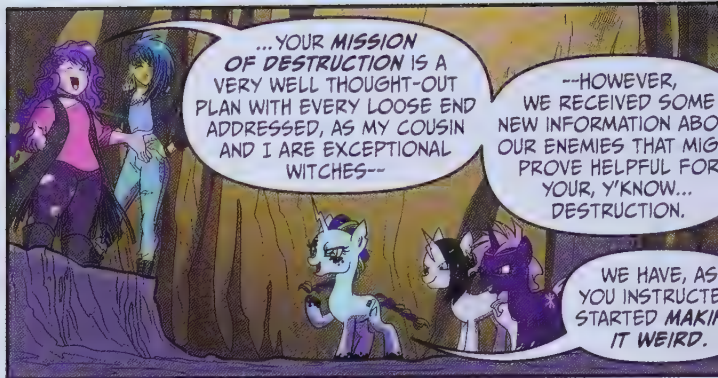


WELCOME, SMOOZE PONIES. SMOOZIES? POOZIES?

S'MONIES?

YES!
GOOD! WELCOME,
S'MONIES.

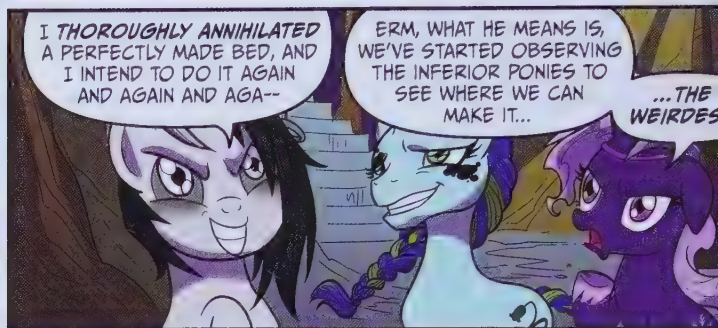
I'M SURE YOU'RE
WONDERING WHY WE
BROUGHT YOU BACK
HERE SO SOON...



...YOUR MISSION
OF DESTRUCTION IS A
VERY WELL THOUGHT-OUT
PLAN WITH EVERY LOOSE END
ADDRESSED, AS MY COUSIN
AND I ARE EXCEPTIONAL
WITCHES--

--HOWEVER,
WE RECEIVED SOME
NEW INFORMATION ABOUT
OUR ENEMIES THAT MIGHT
PROVE HELPFUL FOR
YOUR, Y'KNOW...
DESTRUCTION.

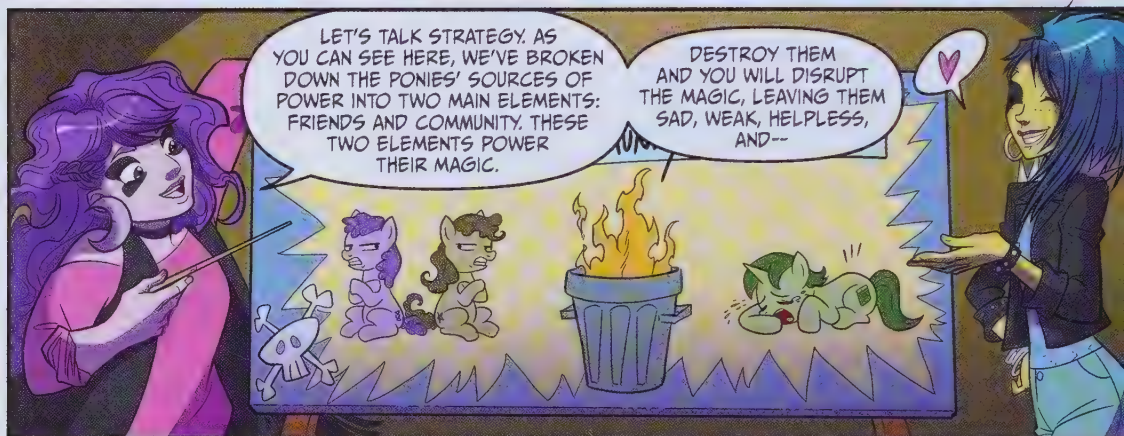
WE HAVE, AS
YOU INSTRUCTED,
STARTED MAKING
IT WEIRD



I THOROUGHLY ANNIHILATED
A PERFECTLY MADE BED, AND
I INTEND TO DO IT AGAIN
AND AGAIN AND AGA--

ERM, WHAT HE MEANS IS,
WE'VE STARTED OBSERVING
THE INFERIOR PONIES TO
SEE WHERE WE CAN
MAKE IT...

...THE
WEIRDES

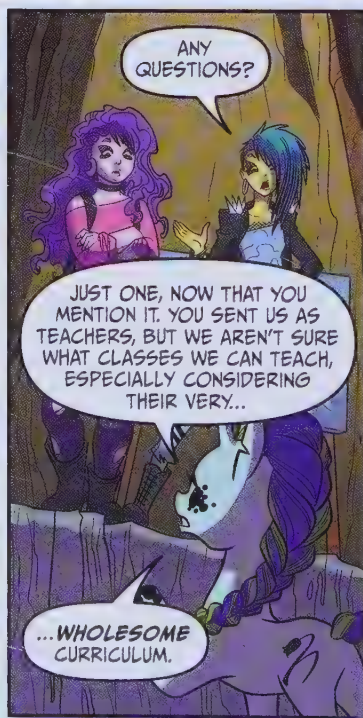


LET'S TALK STRATEGY. AS
YOU CAN SEE HERE, WE'VE BROKEN
DOWN THE PONIES' SOURCES OF
POWER INTO TWO MAIN ELEMENTS:
FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY. THESE
TWO ELEMENTS POWER
THEIR MAGIC.

DESTROY THEM
AND YOU WILL DISRUPT
THE MAGIC, LEAVING THEM
SAD, WEAK, HELPLESS,
AND--



SUPER REVENGED
UPON!



ANY
QUESTIONS?

JUST ONE, NOW THAT YOU
MENTION IT. YOU SENT US AS
TEACHERS, BUT WE AREN'T SURE
WHAT CLASSES WE CAN TEACH,
ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING
THEIR VERY...

...WHOLESUME
CURRICULUM.

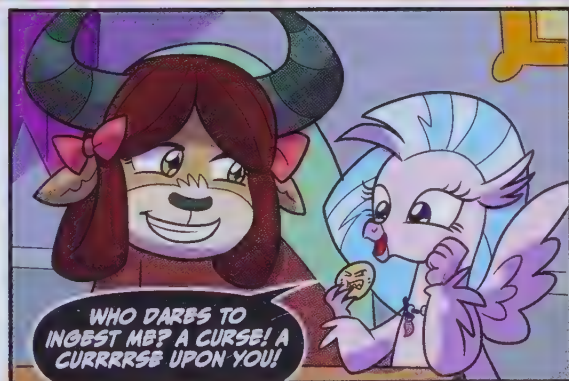


DIDN'T YOUR MOM TAKE A CLASS
BY MAIL A FEW YEARS AGO?
THE EXTRA EVIL MAGIC FOR
DUMMIES ONE?

RIGHT, SHE
NEVER FINISHED IT
BUT THE BOOKS
ARE STILL IN THE
SPELL ROOM--

S'MONIES!
TO OUR SPELL
ROOM!

TWO WEEKS LATER.





--AND THEN I FINISHED MY TO-DO LIST FOR NEXT WEEK **AND** EVEN HAD TIME TO CLEAN UP MY OFFICE! ANOTHER WEEK WITH THESE NEW TEACHERS HELPING OUT AND I'LL BE PRACTICALLY **BORED!**

YOU? BORED? YOU'RE BUSIER THAN A ONE-LEGGED PONY IN AN APPLE-PICKIN' CONTEST.

SPEAKING OF APPLE PICKING, HOW ARE THE HARVEST PLANS COMING ALONG?

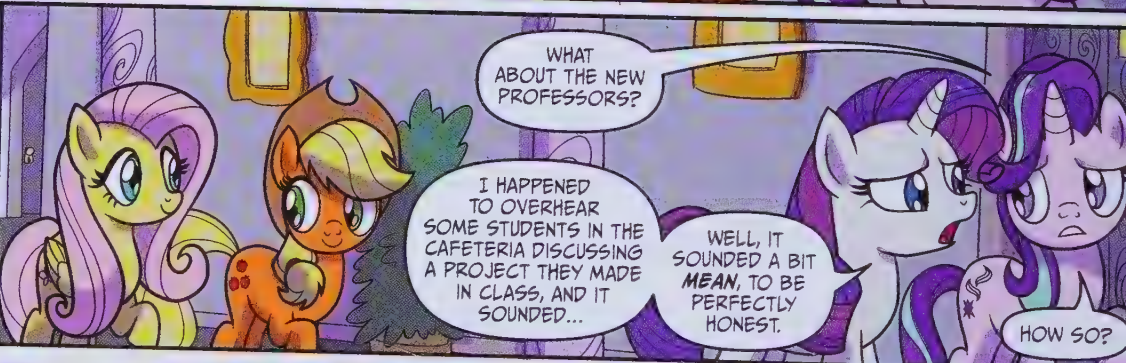
PEACHY KEEN, FLUTTERBEAN. WE'RE LOOKIN' AT ONE OF OUR BIGGEST CROPS EVER.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED AN EXTRA HOOF. LIKE STARLIGHT SAID, I'M FINDING MY WORKLOAD LIGHTER THAN EVER, TOO.



STARLIGHT, MIGHT I HAVE A MOMENT TO DISCUSS SOMETHING WITH YOU?

CONCERNING OUR NEW PROFESSORS.



WHAT ABOUT THE NEW PROFESSORS?

I HAPPENED TO OVERHEAR SOME STUDENTS IN THE CAFETERIA DISCUSSING A PROJECT THEY MADE IN CLASS, AND IT SOUNDED...

WELL, IT SOUNDED A BIT **MEAN**, TO BE PERFECTLY HONEST.

HOW SO?



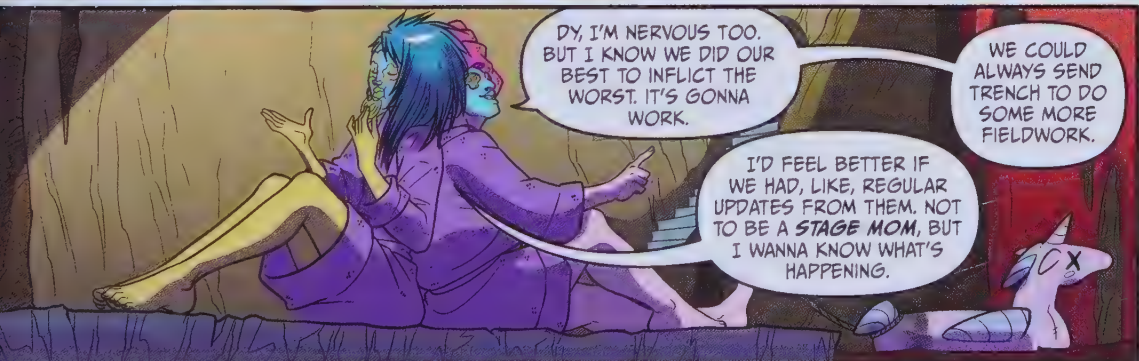
A BIT LIKE A NASTY PRACTICAL JOKE, REALLY. YOU MUST ADMIT, THEY'RE QUITE A STRANGE TRIO.

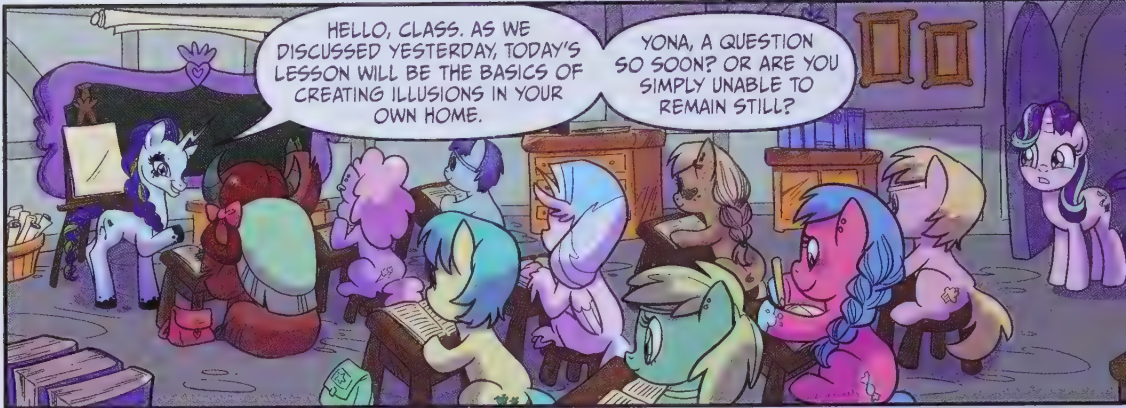
RARITY, I UNDERSTAND THAT OUR NEW PROFESSORS AREN'T EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE USED TO SEEING, AND I KNOW STYLE AND GLAMOUR ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO YOU, BUT--

THIS ISN'T ABOUT THEIR **FASHION SENSE**, STARLIGHT. IT'S ABOUT WHAT THEY'RE TEACHING OUR STUDENTS.



I'M GOING TO POP INTO THEIR CLASSES THIS WEEK. I'LL LET YOU KNOW IF I SEE ANYTHING **TOO WEIRD**.





HELLO, CLASS. AS WE DISCUSSED YESTERDAY, TODAY'S LESSON WILL BE THE BASICS OF CREATING ILLUSIONS IN YOUR OWN HOME.

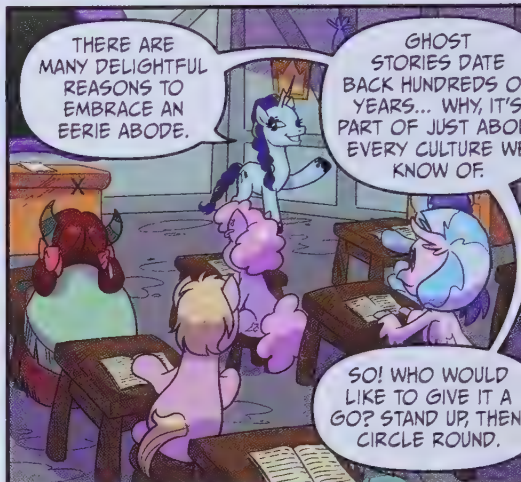
YONA, A QUESTION SO SOON? OR ARE YOU SIMPLY UNABLE TO REMAIN STILL?



SOUNDS VERY COOL... BUT YAKS NEVER MAKE HOMES FOR GHOSTS, AND YONA IS WONDERING--

WHY WOULD ONE WISH TO MAKE THEIR HOME APPEAR HAUNTED? YOU'RE JUMPING AHEAD.

YOU CREATURES DO LOVE A GOOD JUMP, DON'T YOU?



THERE ARE MANY DELIGHTFUL REASONS TO EMBRACE AN EERIE ABODE.

GHOST STORIES DATE BACK HUNDREDS OF YEARS... WHY, IT'S PART OF JUST ABOUT EVERY CULTURE WE KNOW OF.

SO! WHO WOULD LIKE TO GIVE IT A GO? STAND UP, THEN CIRCLE ROUND.



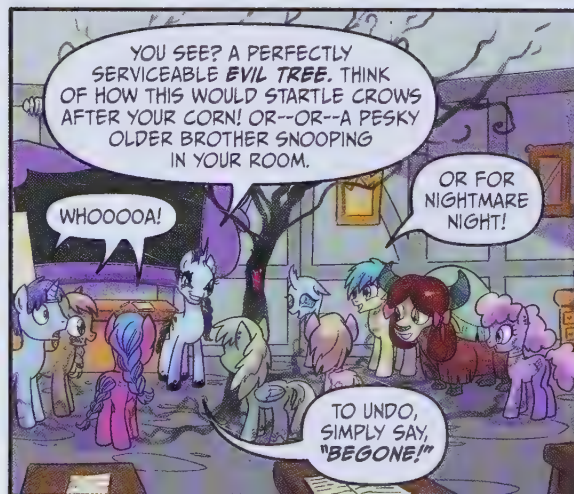
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE INNATELY MAGICAL TO PERFORM THIS SPELL. HOLD HOOVES WITH THE STUDENT BESIDE YOU AND REPEAT AFTER ME.

**CONJURE
CONJURE, HERE TO
ME, TAKE
THE FORM OF
A--**

THIS IS WHERE YOU STATE WHAT FORM YOU'D LIKE TO SEE MATERIALIZE. FOR TODAY'S LESSON WE SHALL USE A TREE. ALL TOGETHER, NOW!



**CONJURE
CONJURE,
HERE TO ME,
TAKE THE
FORM OF
A TREE!**



YOU SEE? A PERFECTLY SERVICEABLE **EVIL TREE**. THINK OF HOW THIS WOULD STARTLE CROWS AFTER YOUR CORN! OR--OR--A PESKY OLDER BROTHER SNOOPING IN YOUR ROOM.

WHOOOOA!

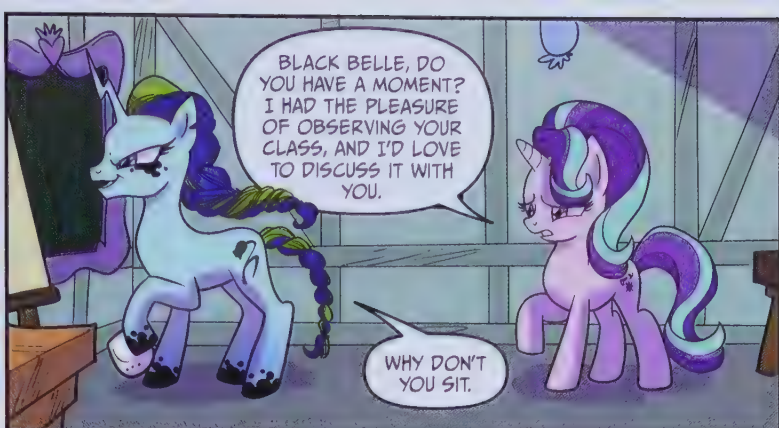
OR FOR NIGHTMARE NIGHT!

TO UNDO, SIMPLY SAY, "**BEGONE!**"

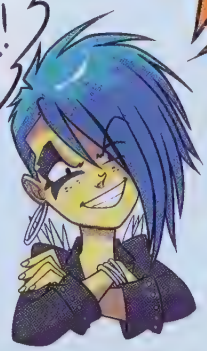


BRRRRING

TONIGHT'S HOMEWORK? PRACTICE THIS ON YOUR ROOMMATE! REPORT BACK TOMORROW. WHOEVER PRODUCES THE LOUDEST SCREAM WILL RECEIVE EXTRA CREDIT.



I'M SO EVIL!!!



FROM THE

GLOOM VOLCANO

SPOOPY COOKIES



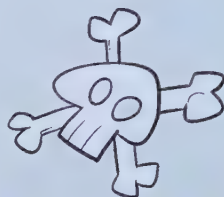
Dear Violet Shiver, Shadow Storm, and Black Belle,

Our instructions were clear: destroy the ponies' friendships and community. So far, you've just taught them to make spooky cookies (which did look good, btw) and terrorize their roommates. We created you with the most VICIOUS Smooze any witch has ever concocted, armed you with destructive powers, and this is what you do with them?! Perhaps you are just UNIQUELY UNGIFTED.

Is it time for us to take back what we've given you? Or can you try harder? It goes without saying we don't expect much of you. It's only a simple takedown of some ANNOYING, GLITTERY NAGS who are no match for S'Monies!

Step it up, or we'll turn this volcano into a GLUE FACTORY!
You Know You Love Us,

Grackle and Dyre



LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT SOME PLANS TO MAKE.



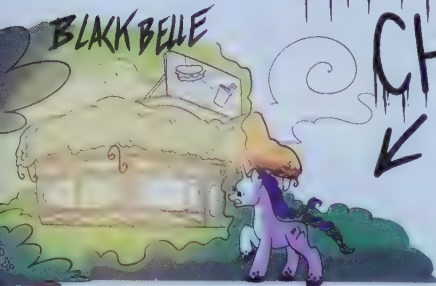
MISSION OF DESTRUCTION

VIOLET SHIVER

CHAOS



BLACK BELLE



HAY BURGER=
PONYVILLE FAVORITE PLACE-ALL SNACKS=
SAD PONIES

BOWLING ALLEY+CHAOS=
HILARIOUS

FIGHTING PONIES+DESTRUCTION=
WEAKENED MAGIC



ME, JUST
CHILLIN'



LOSER
FARMERS
FIGHT



SHADOW STORM

SPITFIRE:
AKA
HEADNERD



WONDERBOLTS:
AKA, FLYING
NERDS



DESTROYING
COMMUNITY=
WEAKENED
MAGIC



FLYING NERDS,
UNDER MY SPELL



LET'S
GET TO
WORK.



IT'S A GORGEOUS DAY HERE AT THE WONDERBOLTS STADIUM, WHERE SPITFIRE AND THE TEAM ARE READY TO BLOW OUR MANES BACK!

LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE ABOUT TO START, BUT FIRST, LET'S HEAR AN AD FROM OUR FRIENDS AT SWEET APPLE ACRES, WHOSE ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL IS COMING SOON!

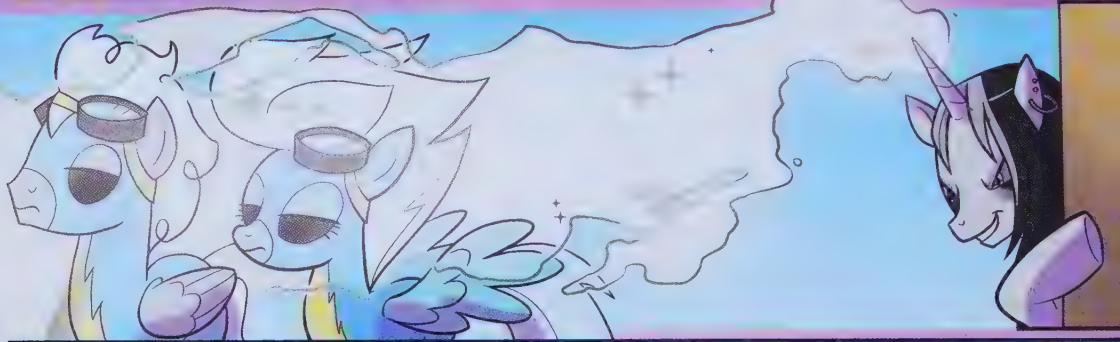
WONDERBOLTS, YOU'VE SOARED HIGH, YOU'VE FLOWN FAST, AND NOW IT'S TIME TO REMIND PONYVILLE WHO OWNS THESE SKIES!

ARE YOU READY?

READY AND WAITING...

LET'S GO OVER THE FORMATIONS ONE MORE TIME.

BLAZE, YOU LEAD THE PEGA-SWISH, WHILE SOARIN AND MISTY BREAK OFF TO START THE HAY BARREL ROLL--



IS THERE A PROBLEM, BOLTS?

NO PROBLEM... IF YOU LIKE DUMB.

DUMB? DUMB? WE'VE PRACTICED THIS FOR WEEKS!

THINK YOU CAN DO BETTER? GO AHEAD! TRY IT!

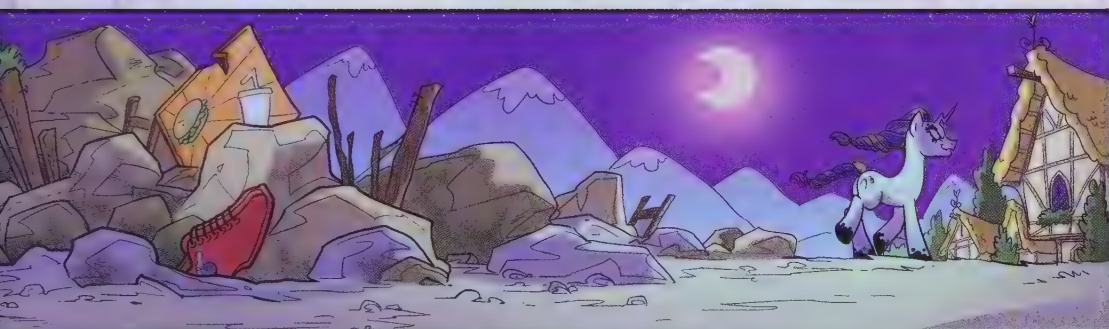
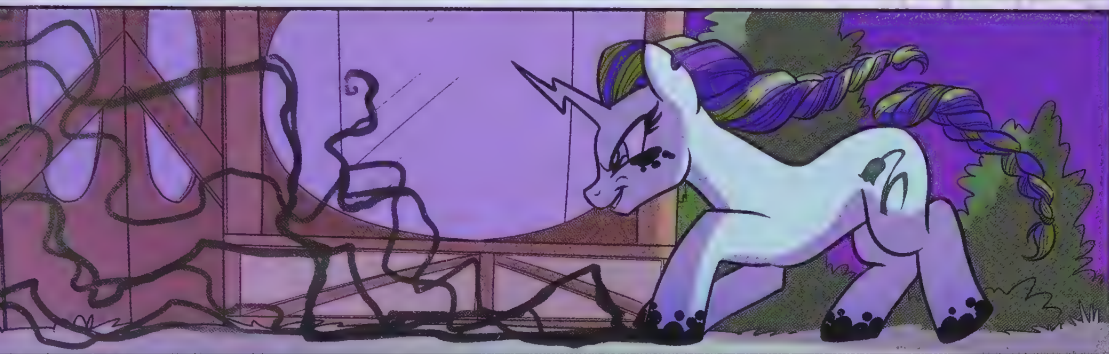
GO WONDERBOLTS!

BREAK!

AND THEY'RE OFF! IT LOOKS LIKE THE BOLTS ARE OPENING TODAY'S SHOW WITH SOME SKYWRITING-- I SEE AN S, A P...

SPITFIRE STUNKS









MMMM! MORNING
ALREADY?

I GUESS
IT'S TIME TO
GET--

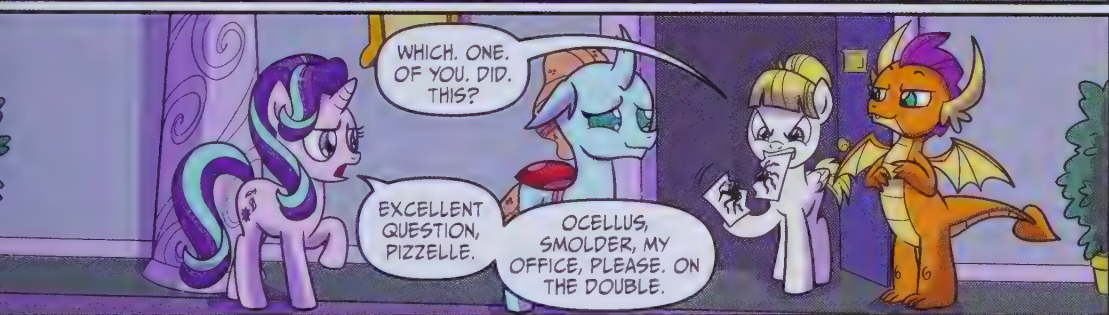
AAAAA

MONSTER! MONSTER!
HELP!



PIZZELLE

HOW DO YOU
HAVE SO MANY
TEETH?!



WHICH. ONE.
OF YOU. DID.
THIS?

EXCELLENT
QUESTION,
PIZZELLE.

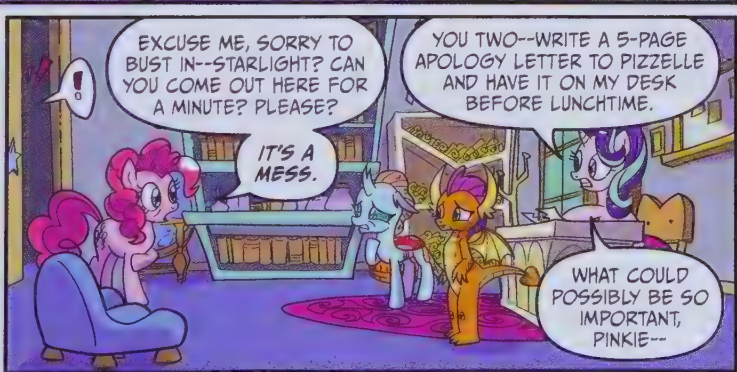
OCELLUS,
SMOLDER, MY
OFFICE, PLEASE. ON
THE DOUBLE.



LET ME SEE IF I HAVE
THIS CORRECT. PROFESSOR
SHIVER TOLD YOU TO "MAKE IT
ANG-IER" AND SAID SHE WOULD
GIVE EXTRA CREDIT FOR PLACING
IT IN AN UNSUSPECTING
STUDENT'S ROOM?

»SNIFF«

I--I--
JUST WANTED TO DO
A GOOD JOB. I DIDN'T
THINK PIZZELLE WOULD
THINK IT WAS REAL.



EXCUSE ME, SORRY TO
BUST IN--STARLIGHT? CAN
YOU COME OUT HERE FOR
A MINUTE? PLEASE?

IT'S A
MESS.

YOU TWO--WRITE A 5-PAGE
APOLOGY LETTER TO PIZZELLE
AND HAVE IT ON MY DESK
BEFORE LUNCHTIME.

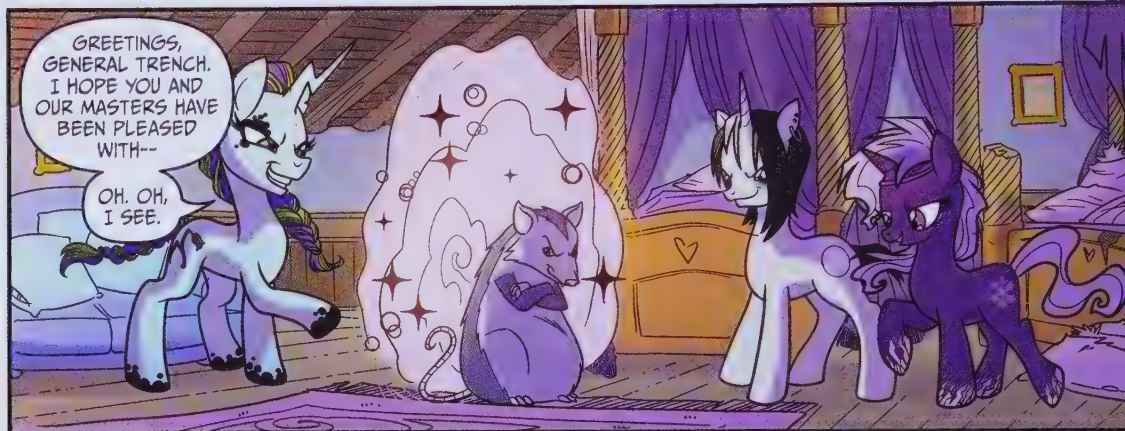
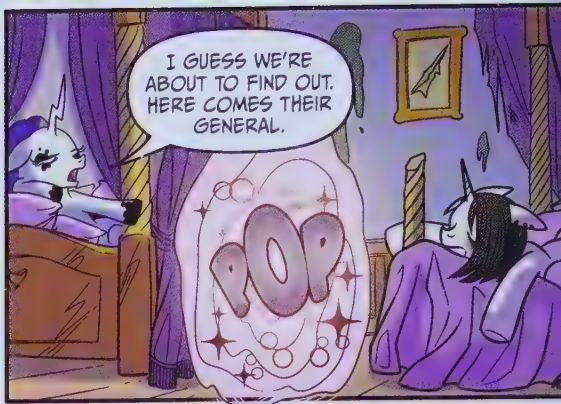
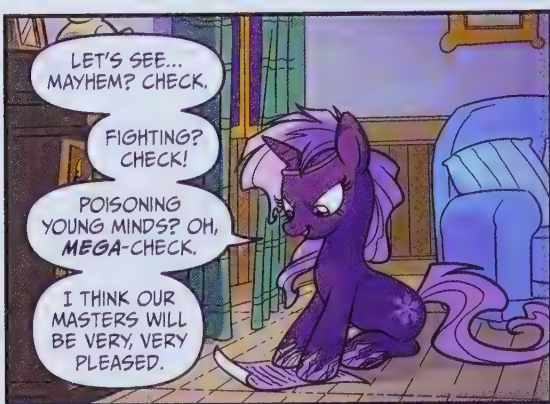
WHAT COULD
POSSIBLY BE SO
IMPORTANT,
PINKIE---



I GUESS PROFESSOR
SHIVER GAVE LOTS OF
STUDENTS THE SAME
ASSIGNMENT.

IT TRIED
TO BITE
ME!

I'M
TELLING MY
MOTHER!





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GOOD MORNING, EVERY CREATURE! TODAY'S LESSON NEEDS QUIET VOICES AND KIND HEARTS.

I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO TWO OF MY FRIENDS. THESE LITTLE UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE CUTIES ARE CALLED SHRIEK-YOWLS.

SHRIEK-YOWLS COME FROM WHITE TAIL WOODS. THEY ARE KNOWN FOR THREE VERY INTERESTING TRAITS.

ONE, THEIR PRIMARY DIET CONSISTS OF NIMBUS CLOUDS.

TWO, THEY ARE **EXTREMELY SENSITIVE** TO SOUND, PREFERRING CALM, SOOTHING TONES--

SHE LOOKS LIKE A SOGGY MARSHMALLOW.

SILVERSTREAM, OCELLUS. CARE TO SHARE WHAT'S MAKING YOU GIGGLE?

SHARING IS BORING.

YOUR OUTFIT IS THE JOKE. PROFESSOR BELLE WOULDN'T BE CAUGHT DEAD WEARING THAT.

SHH, PLEASE!

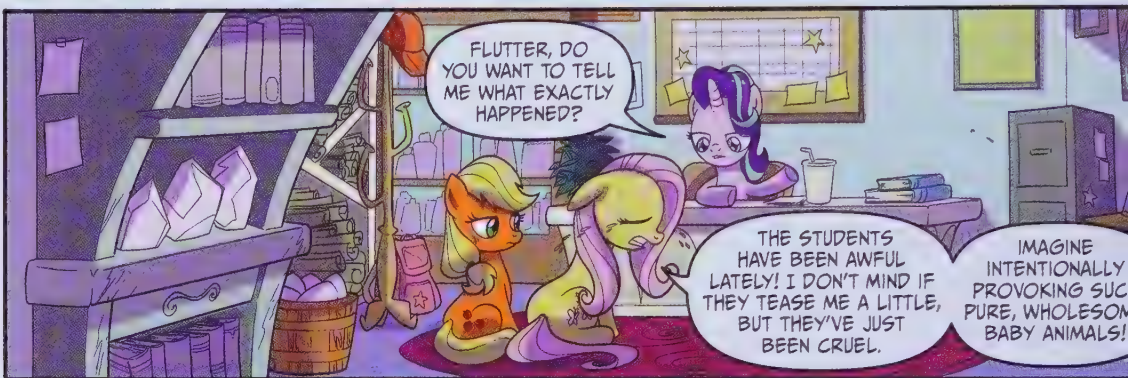
WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT WE'D BETTER--

OH, THIS IS BAD.

WELL, MAYBE THEY WOULDN'T BE SHRIEKING IF YOU HADN'T SCARED THEM!









SO MANY COMPLAINTS! I'VE NEVER SEEN THE RESIDENTS OF PONYVILLE THIS UNHAPPY BEFORE.

AND WHAT'S THIS I READ ABOUT A CURSED COOKIE?

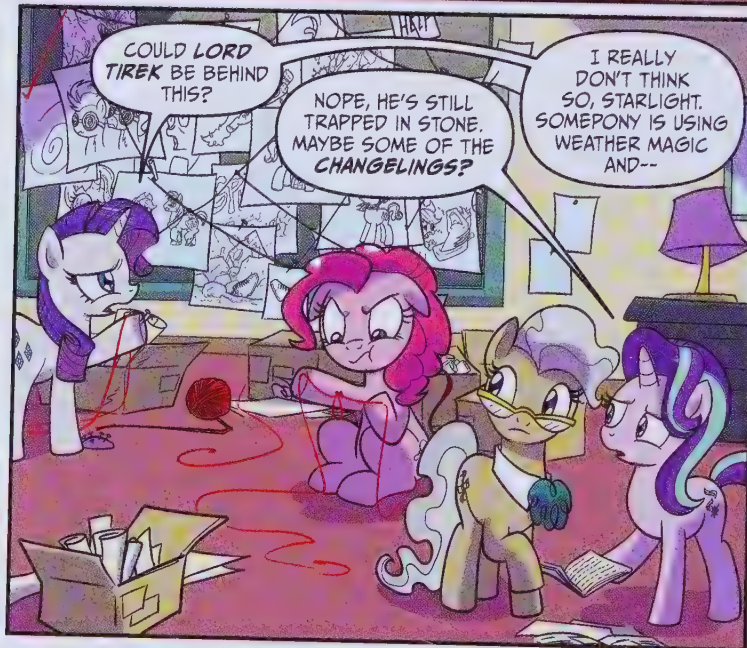
THAT'S THE LEAST OF OUR WORRIES, MAYOR. A SILLY PRANK.

I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHERE ALL OF THIS MISCHIEF IS COMING FROM. IS THIS SOME KIND OF PONY FOOL'S DAY WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT?



IT'S MORE THAN MISCHIEF, I'M AFRAID.

ACCORDING TO MY CALCULATIONS, THERE HAVE BEEN MULTIPLE INCIDENTS EVERY DAY. PONIES FIGHT FRIENDSHIPS ENDING... SEEMS THAT OUR ENTIRE TOWN IS AT ODDS.



COULD LORD TIREK BE BEHIND THIS?

NOPE, HE'S STILL TRAPPED IN STONE. MAYBE SOME OF THE CHANGELINGS?

I REALLY DON'T THINK SO, STARLIGHT. SOMEONE IS USING WEATHER MAGIC AND--



WHAT IF IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER WHO'S BEHIND IT?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

FRIENDS DISAGREE, IT'S NORMAL. IT DOESN'T MEAN SOMEONE IS OUT TO GET PONYVILLE.

THAT'S TRUE, BUT HOW DID THINGS GET THIS BAD ALL OF A SUDDEN?



IT'S LIKE THIS KNOT.

I DON'T KNOW HOW IT GOT SO JUMBLED. I COULD WASTE TIME BLAMING RARITY, FOR EXAMPLE--

WHAT WOULD I WANT WITH SOME MANKY BIT OF STRING?

OR I COULD SPEND SOME TIME SMOOTHING OUT THE BUMPS, TURNING THE SNAGS INTO...



...SNUGS!

PINKAMENADIANE PIE, YOU ARE MAGICAL.

LET'S HELP PONYVILLE UNTANGLE THE FRIENDSHIP KNOTS!

SO, WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU SUGGESTING?

MAH NAME'S
APPLEJACK, AND I
SURE WOULD LIKE A
ROTTEN APPLE TO
THE FACE!

COMING RIGHT
UP, HAYSEED. THIS
ONE'S FOR
MOM!

ANOTHER
DIRECT HIT. YOU'RE
UP, SLUGGER.

LOOKS LIKE
RARITY'S ABOUT TO
HAVE A REAL BAD
MANE DAY.



ALFTIME!

THAT'S IN
FOOTBALL,
NERD.



WE NEEDED THIS. A
NICE LITTLE CELEBRATION
TO REWARD OURSELVES
FOR THE EPIC HAVOC
OUR S'MONIES ARE
CAUSING.

A
TOAST!

TO MY WICKED,
WITTY COUSIN FOR
MOLDING THREE OF
THE BADDEST--

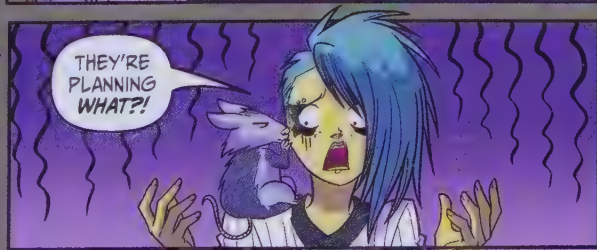
UGH!
WHAT NOW,
TRENCH?



TRENCH'S LAST
REPORT SAID PONY-TO-PONY
INTERACTION IS DOWN BY 45%.
THAT'S APPROACHING MAJOR
BUMMER TERRITORY.



THEY'RE
PLANNING
WHAT?!





LET ME
GET THIS
STRAIGHT.

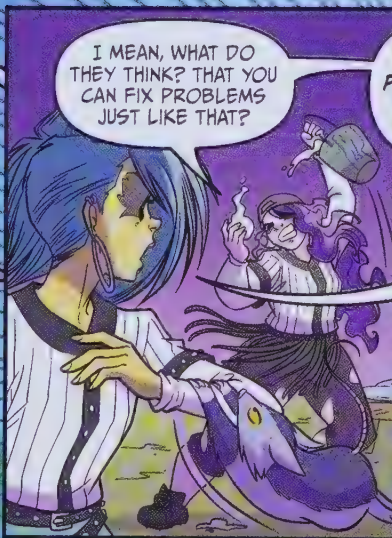
BLACK BELLE, SHADOW
STORM, AND VIOLET SHIVER
HAVE GOTTEN PONYVILLE'S
WITHERS IN *SUCH* A TWIST
THAT THEIR SOLUTION
IS TO...

...THROW
A PARTY?



THAT'S
EITHER THE
SMARTEST OR THE
DUMBEST THING I'VE
EVER HEARD.

I VOTE FOR
DUMBEST.



I MEAN, WHAT DO
THEY THINK? THAT YOU
CAN FIX PROBLEMS
JUST LIKE THAT?

SOME MUSIC AND
DANCING AND PLAYING
*PIN THE MAGMA ON THE
VILLAGE* IS GOING TO
TURN EVERYTHING
AROUND?

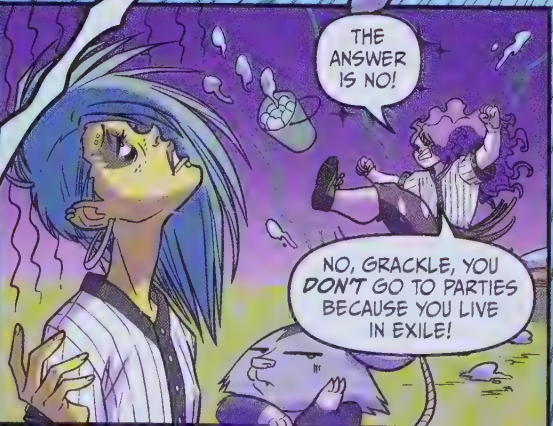
DO--DO
THEY PLAY
THAT?

HOW
SHOULD I
KNOW?



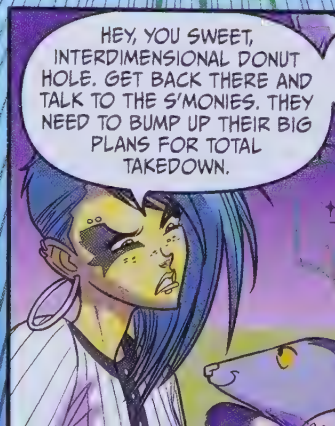
DO I LOOK
LIKE I'VE EVER
BEEN TO A
PARTY?

DO I
LOOK LI
I EVEN HA
FRIENDS



THE
ANSWER
IS NO!

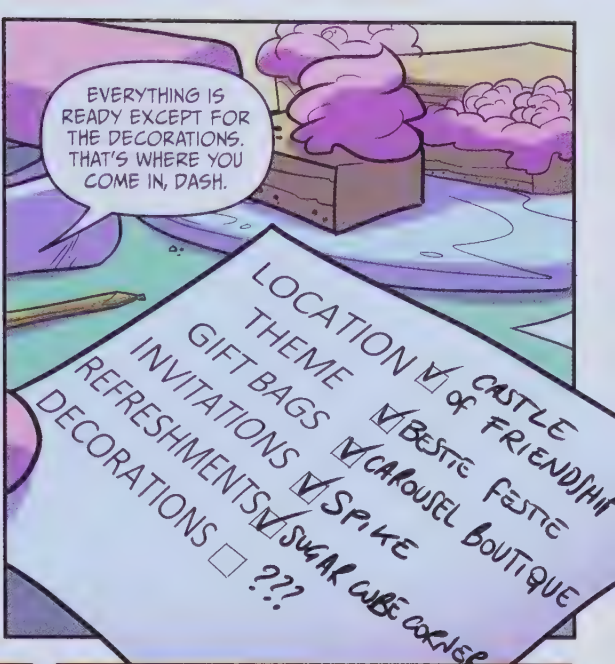
NO, GRACKLE, YOU
DON'T GO TO PARTIES
BECAUSE YOU LIVE
IN EXILE!



HEY, YOU SWEET,
INTERDIMENSIONAL DONUT
HOLE. GET BACK THERE AND
TALK TO THE S'MONIES. THEY
NEED TO BUMP UP THEIR BIG
PLANS FOR TOTAL
TAKEDOWN.

I KNOW, I KNOW.
SHE NEEDS TO LEARN TO
CONTROL HER POWERS.
I'M WORRIED, TOO.

AND
ANOTHER
THING--!







THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE TO HELP!

TWI AND SPIKE, YOU'RE ON LANTERNS. STARLIGHT AND CHEERLEE, YOU'VE GOT GARLANDS.

I'M WITH VIOLET SHIVER ON STREAMERS!



OKAY, DON'T THINK I'M WEIRD, BUT...

...I PAIRED US TOGETHER ON PURPOSE! I'VE BEEN DYING TO HANG OUT WITH YOU.



SO, WHAT COLOR DO YOU THINK THE STREAMERS SHOULD BE?

HEH. SO MANY CHOICES. UM...

YOU'RE BRILLIANT! WHY CHOOSE WHEN WE CAN USE THEM ALL?



I BET YOU HAVE LOTS OF PARTIES AT HAYVARD. WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE KIND?

PARTIES AREN'T REALLY MY THING.

OHhhh, I GET IT. HAYVARD IS SO SOPHISTICATED, I BET YOU HAVE SOIRÉES.



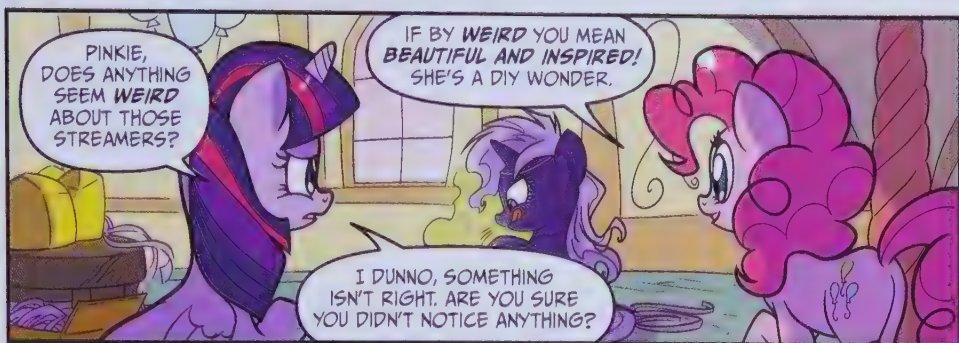
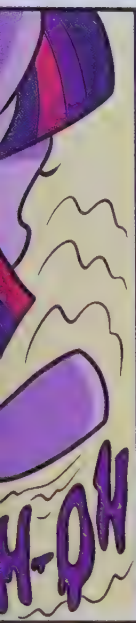
C'MON. IT CAN'T BE THAT HARD. JUST DO THE TWISTY THING.

YOU HAVE TO BLEND IN. JUST MAKE A DECORATION!



MAKE SOMETHING. NORMAL! OH, NO--

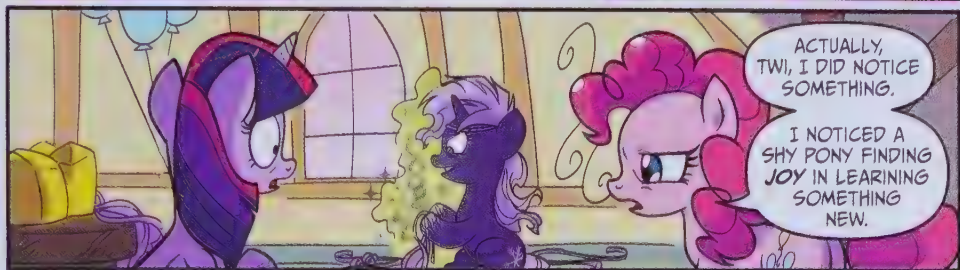




PINKIE, DOES ANYTHING SEEM **WEIRD** ABOUT THOSE STREAMERS?

IF BY **WEIRD** YOU MEAN **BEAUTIFUL AND INSPIRED!** SHE'S A DIY WONDER.

I DUNNO, SOMETHING ISN'T RIGHT. ARE YOU SURE YOU DIDN'T NOTICE ANYTHING?



ACTUALLY, TWI, I DID NOTICE SOMETHING.

I NOTICED A SHY PONY FINDING **JOY** IN LEARNING SOMETHING NEW.



JUST BECAUSE SOMEONY **ENJOYS** GETTING IN TOUCH WITH THEIR CREATIVE SIDE DOESN'T MAKE THEM **WEIRD**.



YOU WEREN'T ALWAYS **PERFECT**, Y'KNOW, AND I GAVE YOU A CHANCE, JUST LIKE I'M DOING WITH VIOLET.

PINKIE, JUST **TURN AROUND** AND **LOOK!**



THIS IS SAD, TWILIGHT. YOU NEED SOME HELP.



YOU'RE RIGHT. I DO NEED SOME HELP. CAN YOU MEET ME IN THE WOODS TONIGHT?

AND BRING SOME OF THOSE STREAMERS.

THIS IS GETTING SILLY--



PLEASE, PINKIE? I'M GOING TO INVITE AN OBJECTIVE FRIEND TO CHECK THEM OUT, AND IF I'M WRONG...

YOU'LL SAY SORRY AND TRY TO GET TO KNOW VIOLET?

I PROMISE! AND TRUST ME, I **HOPE** I'M WRONG.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "I HUNG THEM CROOKED"? IT'S NOT MY FAULT MY MAGIC COULDN'T MAKE THEM HOVER!

WELL, MAYBE YOU'RE NOT AS POWERFUL AS YOU THINK!

CRACK



WHA--WHO'S THERE?

I BET IT'S ALIENS.

LOOK AT HOW FANCY, THERE WAS NO NEED FOR DECOR-A--



--IT'S ONLY ME, YOUR GOOD FRIEND ZECORA.

PHEW!



I CAME WHEN YOU CALLED, I RUSHED ON THE DOUBLE. NOW TELL ME PONIES, ARE **THESE** THE SOURCE OF YOUR TROUBLE?

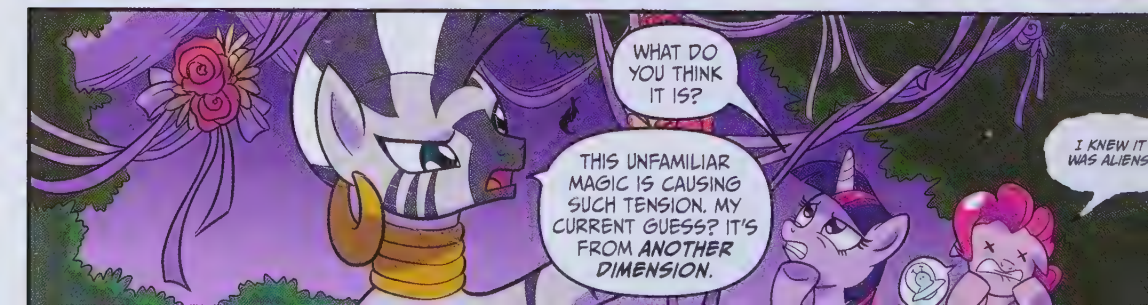
I THINK SO. THEY WERE MADE WITH SOME TYPE OF MAGIC I'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE. IT GAVE ME A TERRIBLE FEELING, AND I DON'T THINK MY OWN MAGIC CAN AFFECT IT.



TRY AS YOU MIGHT, YOUR POWERS WON'T BITE ME. PLEASED TO MEET YOU, I'M ZECORA THE MIGHTY.

I SEE WHAT YOU'RE DOING, SUCH A CLEVER-MEAN TRICK. I'LL DISCOVER YOUR SECRETS--

--PINKIE PIE, PLEASE PASS ME A STICK.



WHAT DO YOU THINK IT IS?

THIS UNFAMILIAR MAGIC IS CAUSING SUCH TENSION. MY CURRENT GUESS? IT'S FROM **ANOTHER DIMENSION**.

I KNEW IT WAS ALIENS



LET'S RUN SOME TESTS TO SEE HOW THIS IS CURSED--BUT BEFORE WE DO, SAFETY COMES FIRST.



SCIENCE AND MAGIC ARE ONE AND THE SAME. I'LL PERFORM A FEW TESTS TO REVEAL WHAT'S TO BLAME.

WITH MY BEAKERS AND POTIONS PULLED FROM MY SACK, I'LL UNLOCK THE ANSWERS--

WHAT ARE THOSE?

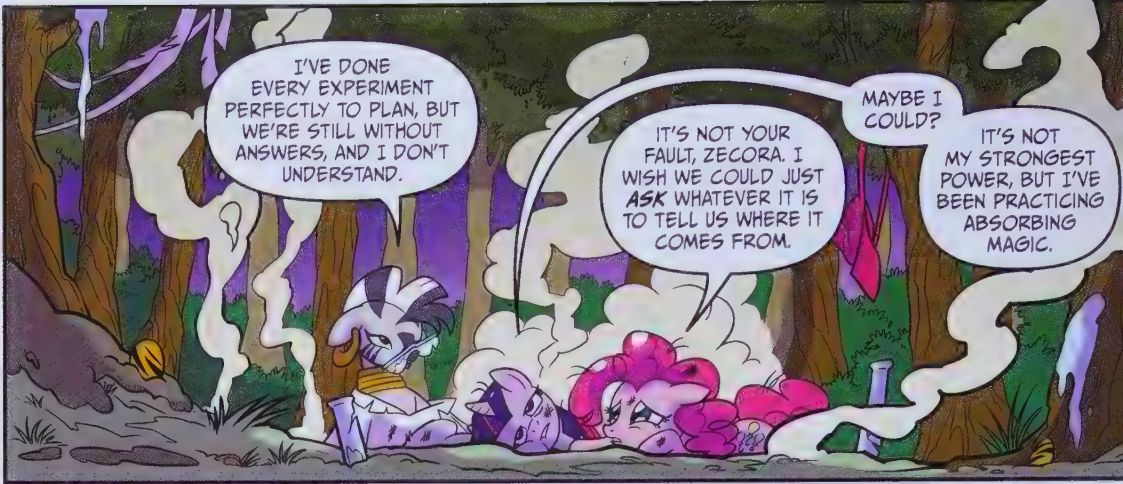
OH! THAT'S MY SNACK.



HMM. THAT'S TWO DOWN WITH ONE LEFT TO GO. HOOVES CROSSED THAT IT DOESN'T--

--BLOW.

COUGH
COUGH



I'VE DONE EVERY EXPERIMENT PERFECTLY TO PLAN, BUT WE'RE STILL WITHOUT ANSWERS, AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, ZECORA. I WISH WE COULD JUST ASK WHATEVER IT IS TO TELL US WHERE IT COMES FROM.

MAYBE I COULD?

IT'S NOT MY STRONGEST POWER, BUT I'VE BEEN PRACTICING ABSORBING MAGIC.



I'M LEARNING TO TELL WHERE DIFFERENT MAGIC COMES FROM, HOW IT WORKS.

BUT DIDN'T YOU SAY YOUR POWERS DIDN'T WORK BEFORE? I DON'T REMEMBER YOU EVEN TRYING!

JUST BEFORE ZECORA CAME. I... NOW I'M CONFUSED.



PINKIE, DO YOU REMEMBER WHY WE WERE ARGUING EARLIER?

BECAUSE... UH... HMM. HUH, I GUESS I DON'T!

NEITHER DO I.



YEAH, IT'S LIKE A FOG...

...AN ANGRY FOG WHERE I WAS SO MAD I WANTED TO HOOF YOU UPSIDE THE MANE FOR HANGING THE STREAMERS CROOKED--
-AHHEM-



I'M FINE NOW.



THAT'S IT! WE WEREN'T ARGUING UNTIL WE TOUCHED THE STREAMERS!

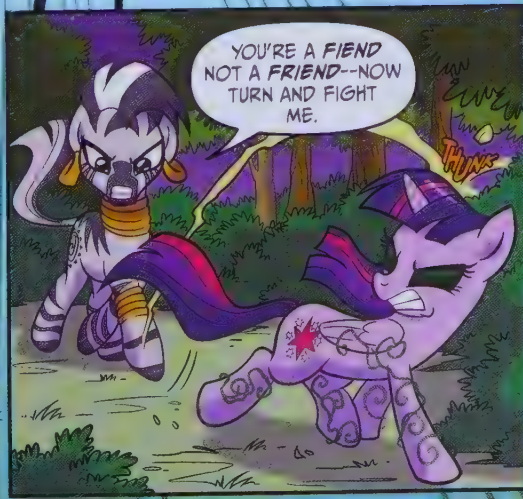
WHAT IF THIS IS WHAT'S AFFECTING PONYVILLE?

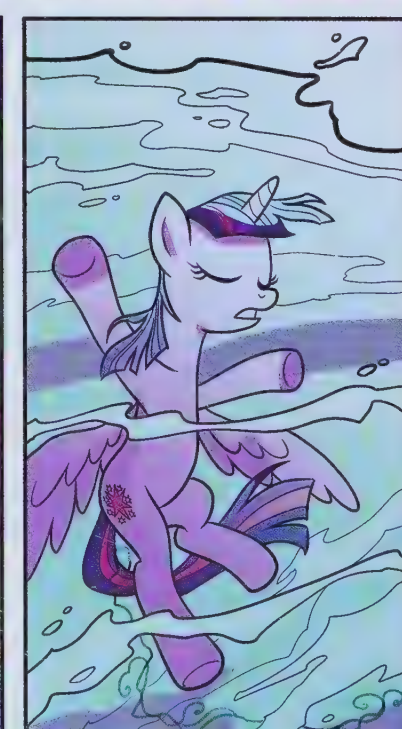
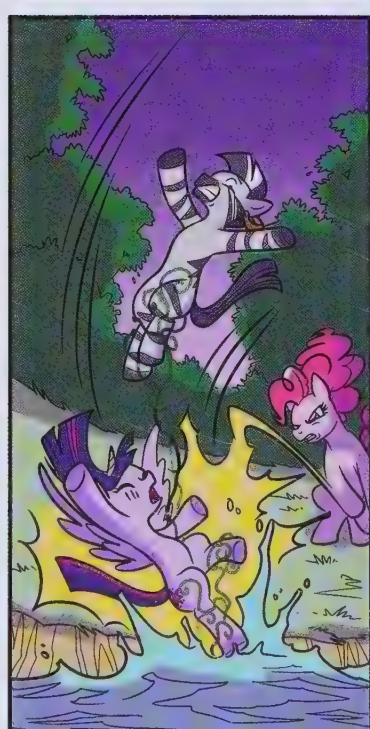
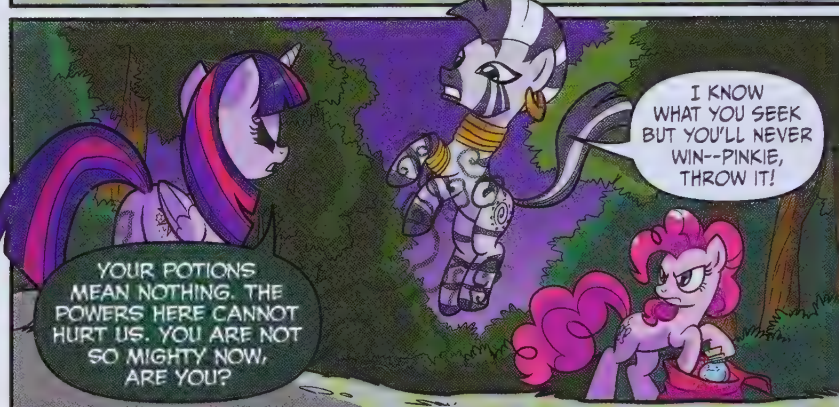
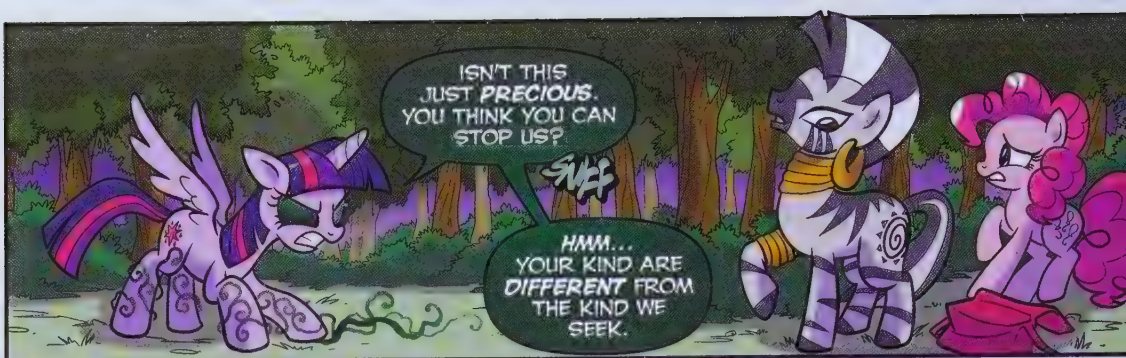
I DON'T MEAN TO CAUSE ANY ALARM, BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE ARE DEALING WITH--IT COULD CAUSE YOU HARM.

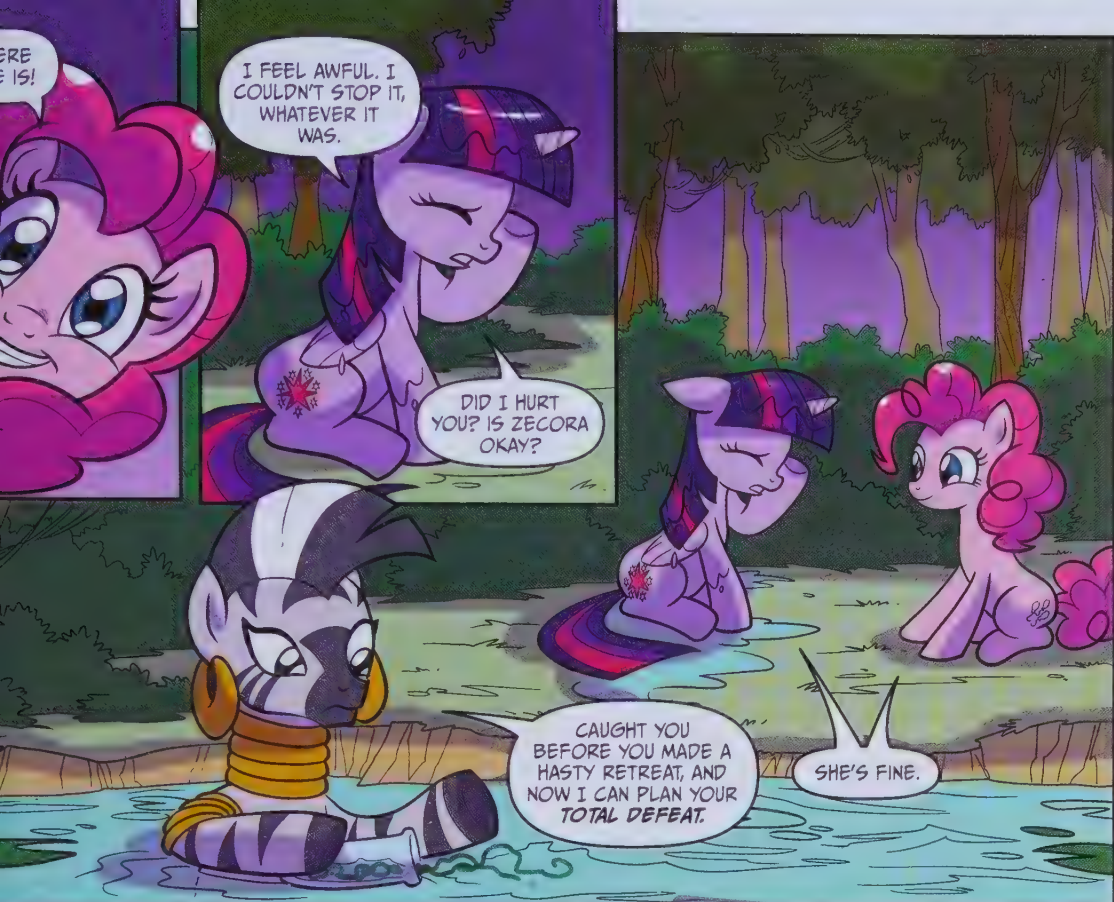
I HAVE TO TRY. WHAT IF VIOLET SHIVER HAS GOTTEN INTO SOMETHING DANGEROUS? I NEED TO DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO HELP.



GRAB THOSE STREAMERS. IT'S TIME TO PART









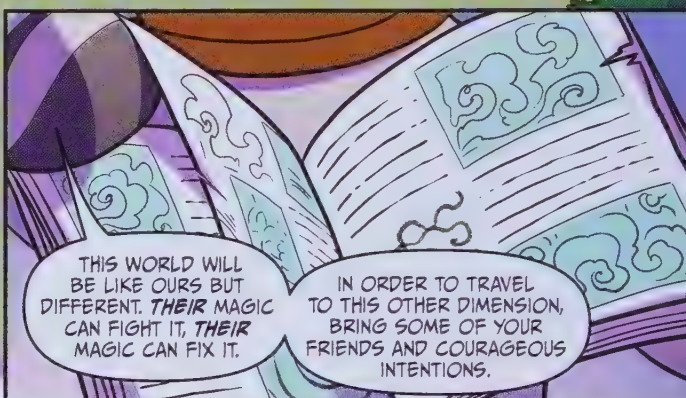
BUT IF OUR MAGIC CAN'T STOP IT, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? THE WATER DIDN'T ACTUALLY HURT IT. IT JUST WASHED IT OFF TWILIGHT SO IT COULDN'T MAKE HER BONKERS ANYMORE.

I THINK I HAVE FOUND WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR. FINISH YOUR COOKIES AND I'LL TELL YOU MORE.

HERE, LOOK-- THERE IS A POTION RECIPE MEANT TO UNCOVER THE WEAKNESS OF ONE'S ENEMY.

WITH THE SAMPLES I TOOK AND AN OLD BRASS LOCK, WE WILL OPEN A DOORWAY THROUGH WHICH YOU CAN WALK.

IT WILL LEAD YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS TO THE PLACE OF THE POWER NEEDED TO MAKE THAT NASTY SMOOZE COWER.

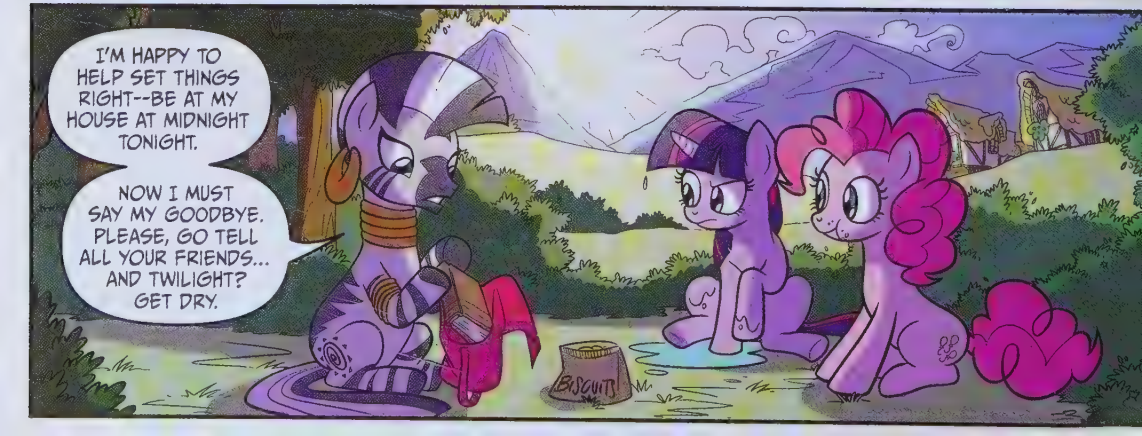


THIS WORLD WILL BE LIKE OURS BUT DIFFERENT. **THEIR** MAGIC CAN FIGHT IT, **THEIR** MAGIC CAN FIX IT.

IN ORDER TO TRAVEL TO THIS OTHER DIMENSION, BRING SOME OF YOUR FRIENDS AND COURAGEOUS INTENTIONS.



I JUST HAPPEN TO KNOW THE BRAVEST PONIES IN THIS DIMENSION OR ANY OTHER. THANK YOU, ZECORA.



I'M HAPPY TO HELP SET THINGS RIGHT--BE AT MY HOUSE AT MIDNIGHT TONIGHT.

NOW I MUST SAY MY GOODBYE. PLEASE, GO TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS... AND TWILIGHT? GET DRY.

ZECORA'S HOUSE.
MIDNIGHT.

I'LL JUST SAY
WHAT WE'RE ALL
THINKING.

THIS IS
CREEPY.

ZECORA IS HELPING
US, AND FROM WHAT I'VE
HEARD, IF YOU THINK *THIS* IS
CREEPY, MAYBE YOU AREN'T
UP FOR WHAT COMES
NEXT.

I'M UP FOR
ANYTHING.

RAINBOW DASH, I HOPE
THAT IS TRUE, FOR NOW
WE HAVE A POTION
TO BREW.

GATHER ROUND, THE
POTION IS JUST ABOUT
READY. DASH, HANG THIS
LOCK ON THE TREE AND
BE STEADY.

NOW RARITY, CAST
THIS VIAL AROUND ALL OF
THE ROOTS TOUCHING
THE GROUND.

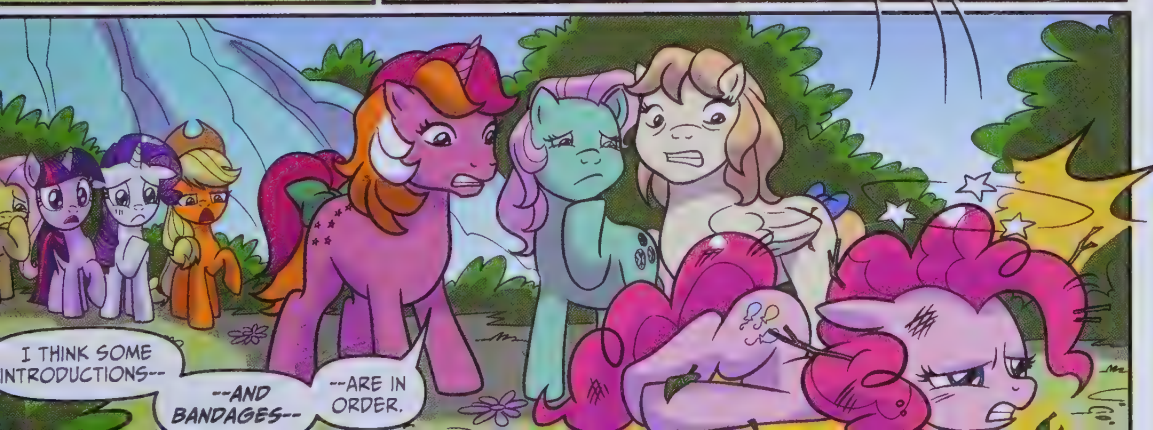
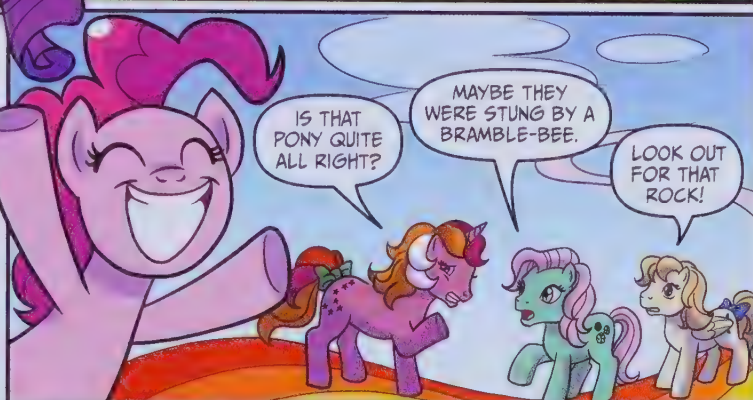
I'M ADDING
SOME SMOOZE,
JUST A DROP OR
THREE, AND WITH A
BIT OF LUCK...

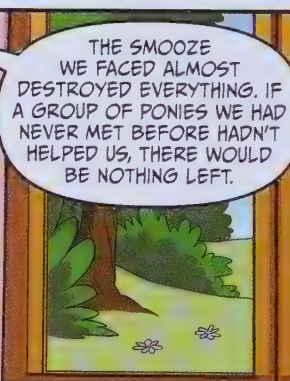
HEY, LOOK!
THERE'S A
KEY!











OUR TALE BEGINS
WITH A CRAFTY OLD
ONE NAMED HYDIA.
SHE HAD TWO
DAUGHTERS
WHO--

SURPRISE!
THEY WERE **ALSO**
WITCHES!

ER, HELLO,
SURPRISE. WOULD
YOU LIKE TO TAKE
THE REINS, AS IT
WERE?

OH, I
COULDN'T...

...BUT IF
YOU INSIST!

"KAY, SO, HER DAUGHTERS WERE,
LIKE, **TOTALLY LAME** WITCHES.

"THIS ONE IS **REEKA** AND THAT'S
DRAGGLE. NICE HAT, RIGHT?

"THEY ALL LIVED IN THIS
GRODY VOLCANO WITH
THESE WEIRD RAT THINGS,
AND I GUESS IT WAS A
SUPREME BUMMER IN
THERE, BECAUSE ALL
THEY WANTED TO DO
WAS **RUIN OUR FUN!**

"HYDIA WAS LIKE--"

WE'RE
GONNA MAKE SOME
SMOOZE. GO GET
THE INGREDIENTS
GIRLS!

"AND THE DAUGHTERS
WERE LIKE--"

GAG
ME WITH A
SPOON!

"BUT THEY WERE
AFRAID OF MAKING
HYDIA MAD, SO
THEY DID IT. THEY
BROUGHT ALL
KINDS OF CREEPY
STUFF BACK TO
THE VOLCANO AND
STARTED TO MAKE
THE **SMOOZE**.

"HYDIA TOLD THE
SMOOZE--"

GO GET
'EM!

"BUT GUESS WHAT?

"OUR GOOD FRIEND MEGAN SHOWED
UP AND USED OUR **RAINBOW OF
LIGHT** TO DEFEAT IT!"

"WHAT THE WITCHES SPACED ON TELLING HYDIA WAS THAT THEY DIDN'T GET THE MOST **DANGEROUS** INGREDIENT FOR THE SMOOZE, SO IT WAS BASICALLY JUST **SLIME**."

"SO SHE MADE HER OWN DAUGHTERS GO GET THIS **TOTALLY Gnarly** STUFF CALLED **FLUME**."

"ONCE SHE HAD THAT, THE SMOOZE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE **UNSTOPPABLE**."

"AND FOR A SEC, IT KINDA WAS!"

"WHEN PONIES GOT SPLATTERED IN SMOOZE, IT MADE THEM WAY HARSH. WE WERE ALL SCARED AND DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO."

"THE SMOOZE WAS ALL--"

"SO WE WERE LIKE--"

"BUT THEN MEGAN CAME THROUGH AGAIN, AND SHE BROUGHT THE **FLUTTER PONIES**!"

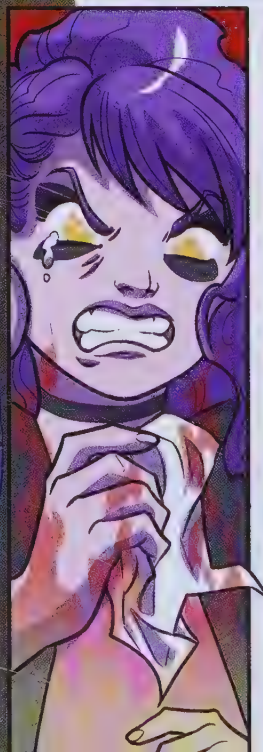
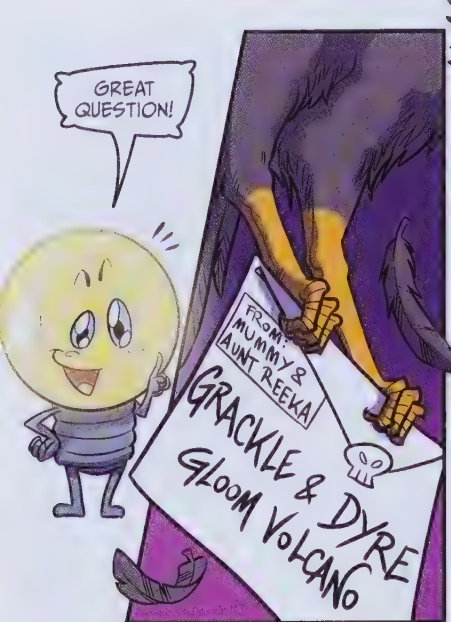
"THEY HELPED CLEAR OUT ALL THE SMOOZE WITH THEIR **SUPERSPECIAL MOVES**."

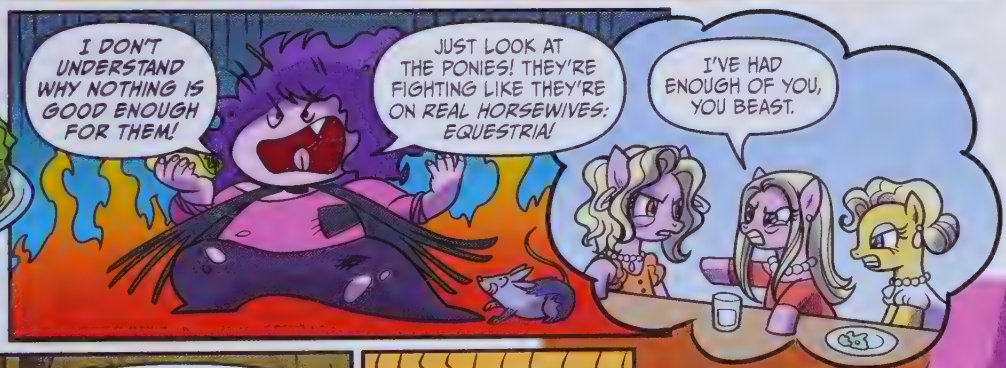
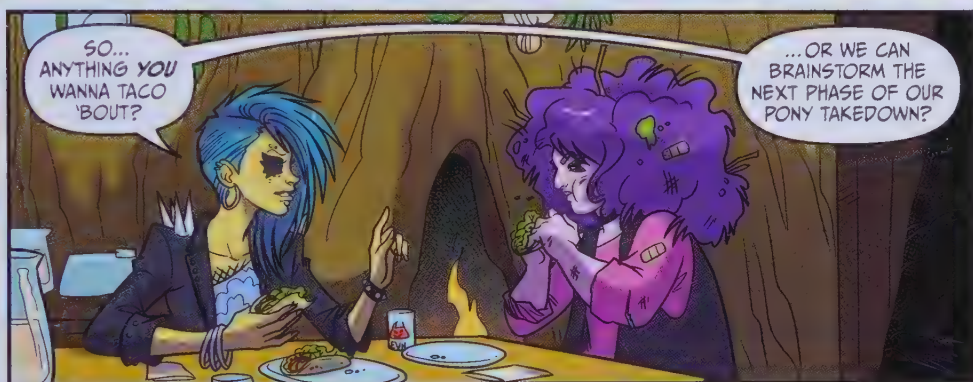
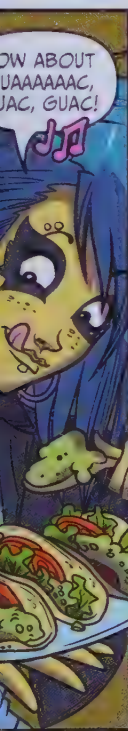
"THE RAINBOW OF LIGHT DID ITS THING AND HAULED THOSE WITCHES BACK TO THEIR VOLCANO..."

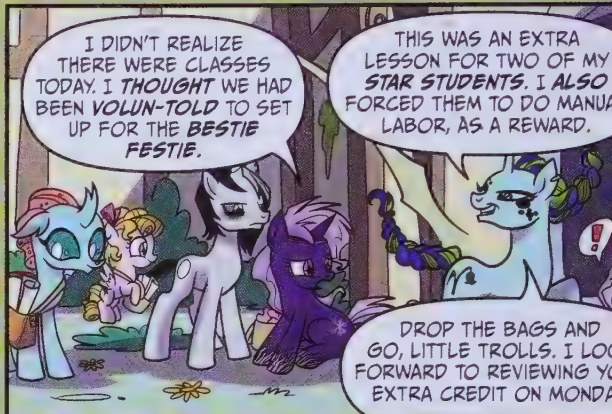
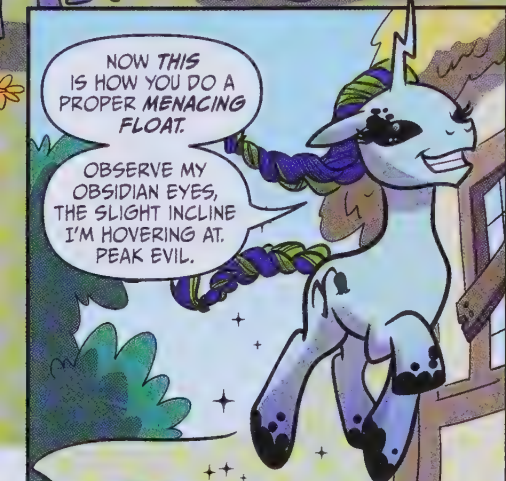
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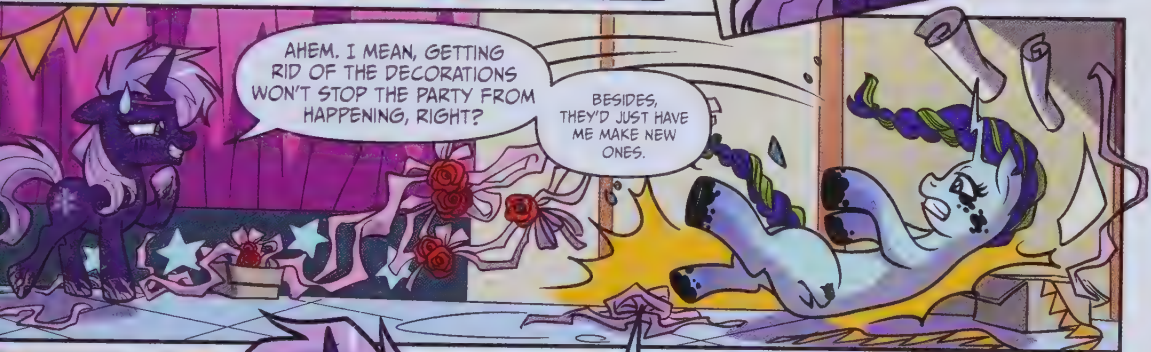
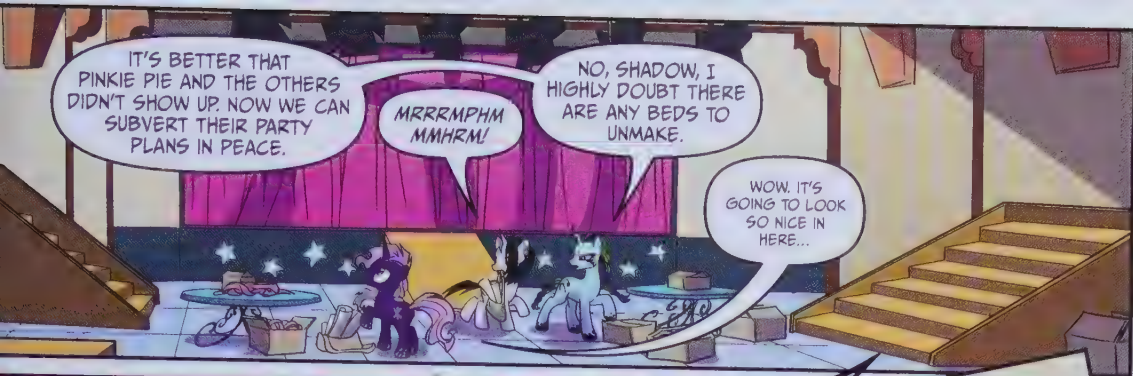
SURPRISE!
THE END!



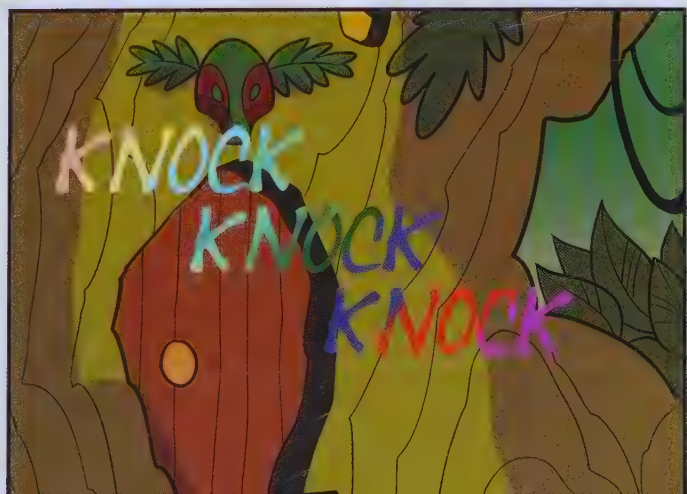
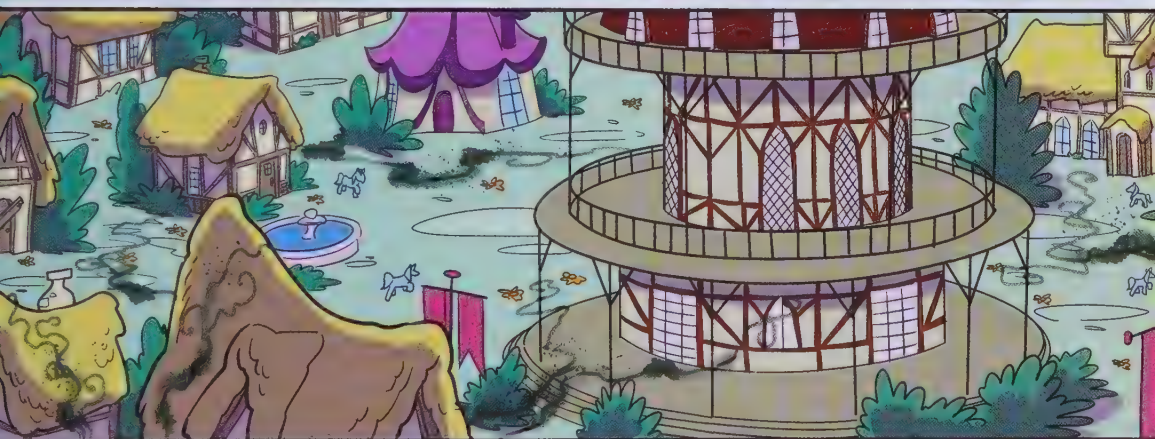
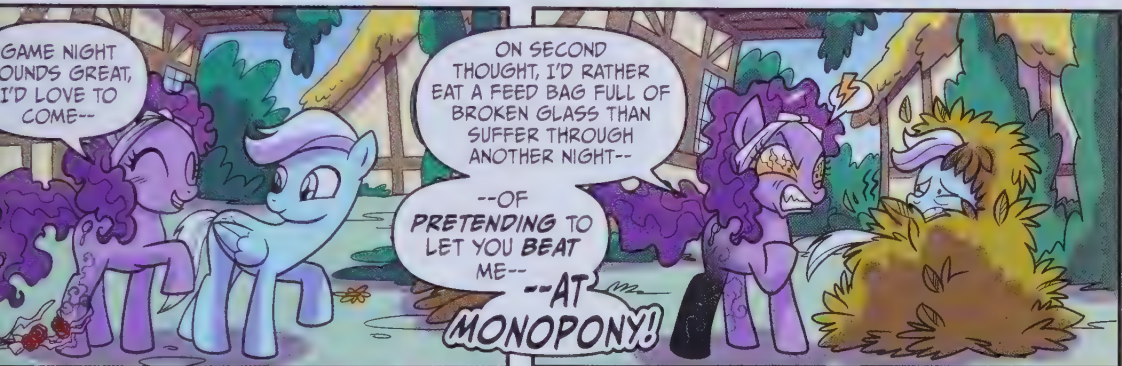
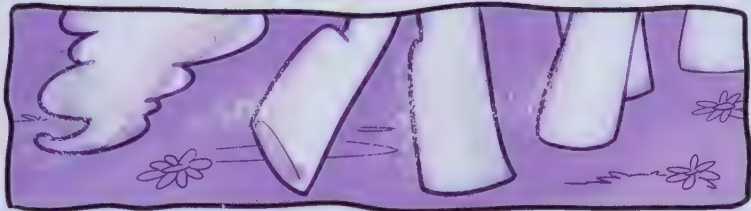
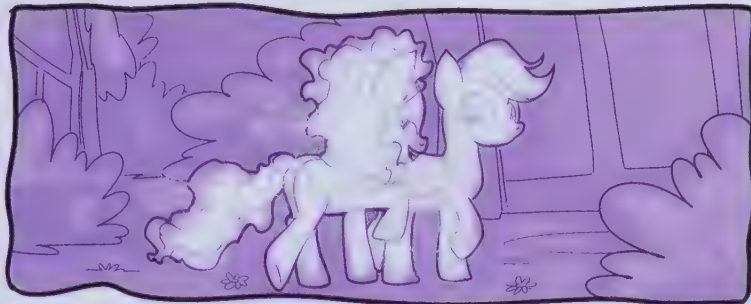


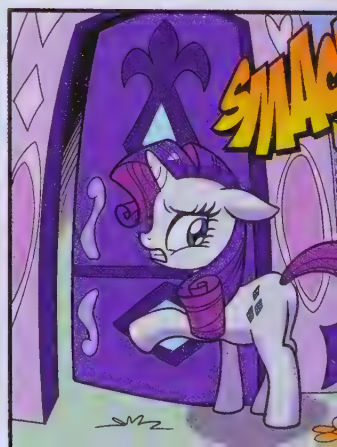
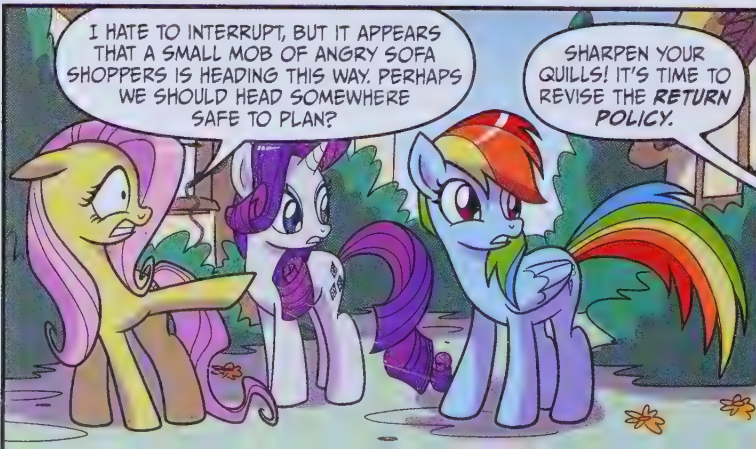
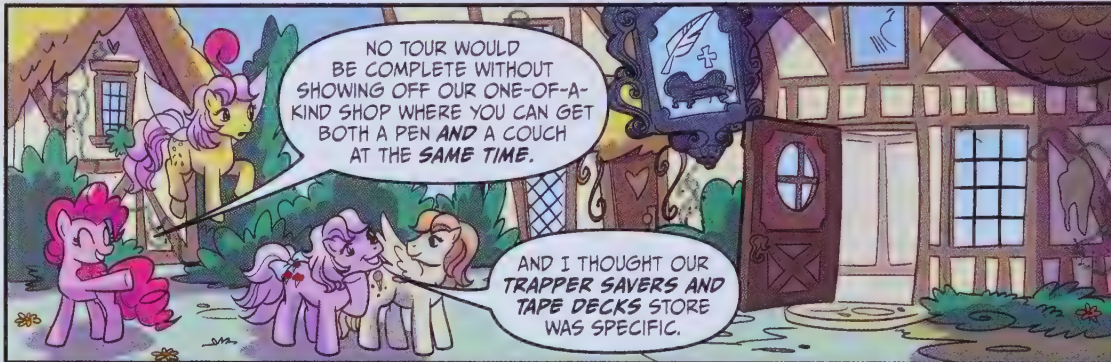


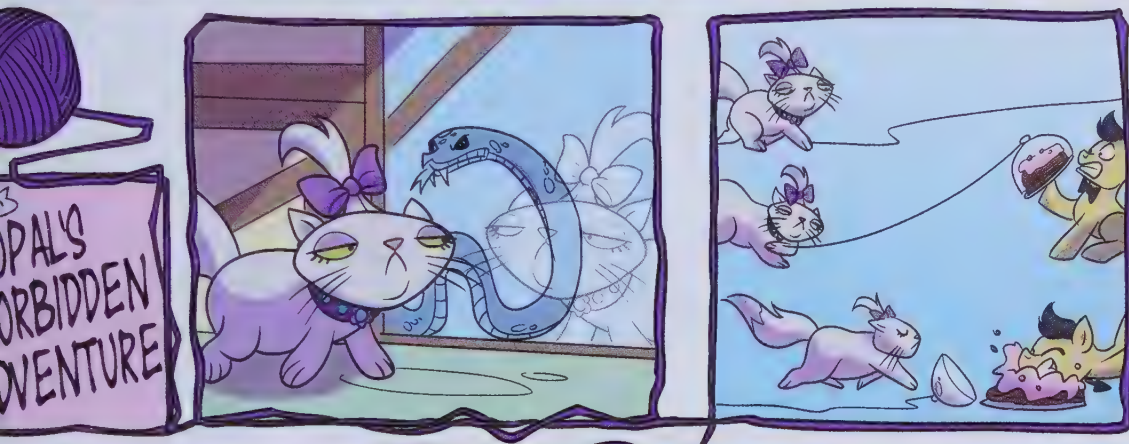














IT FEELS LIKE THERE ARE SONIC RAINBOOMS IN MY BRAIN.

YOU MEAN SONIC BRAINBOOMS. HEHURHURM.

MY SHOP IS A DISASTER, AND WE STILL DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET OUR MAGIC INTO THAT LOCKET.

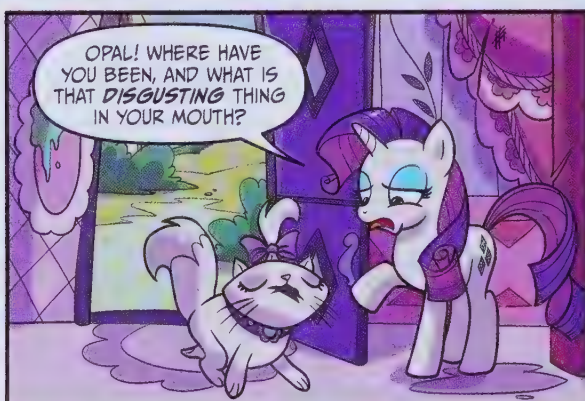
ZZZ



LET ME TRY AGAIN. THERE *HAS* TO BE A WAY FOR US TO HARNESS THE ELEMENTS OF HARMONY AND JUST **SHOVE** THEM IN THERE--

SKRIP SKRIP SKRIP

IF THAT'S THE SMOOZE, JUST LET IT IN. I'M TOO TIRED TO THINK.



OPAL! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN, AND WHAT IS THAT **DISGUSTING** THING IN YOUR MOUTH?



FROWROW ROWROW!

YOU PERFECTLY BEAUTIFUL LITTLE BEAST!

FLUTTERSHY, CAN YOU **PLEASE** SPEAK TO HER?



WHO IS THE BIGGEST, TOUGHEST, MOST VICIOUS VANILLA MILKSHAKE IN ALL OF EQUESTRIA?

LET ME SEE WHAT'S IN YOUR MOUTH, YOU LITTLE ANGORA ASSASSIN.

PRRRRRR



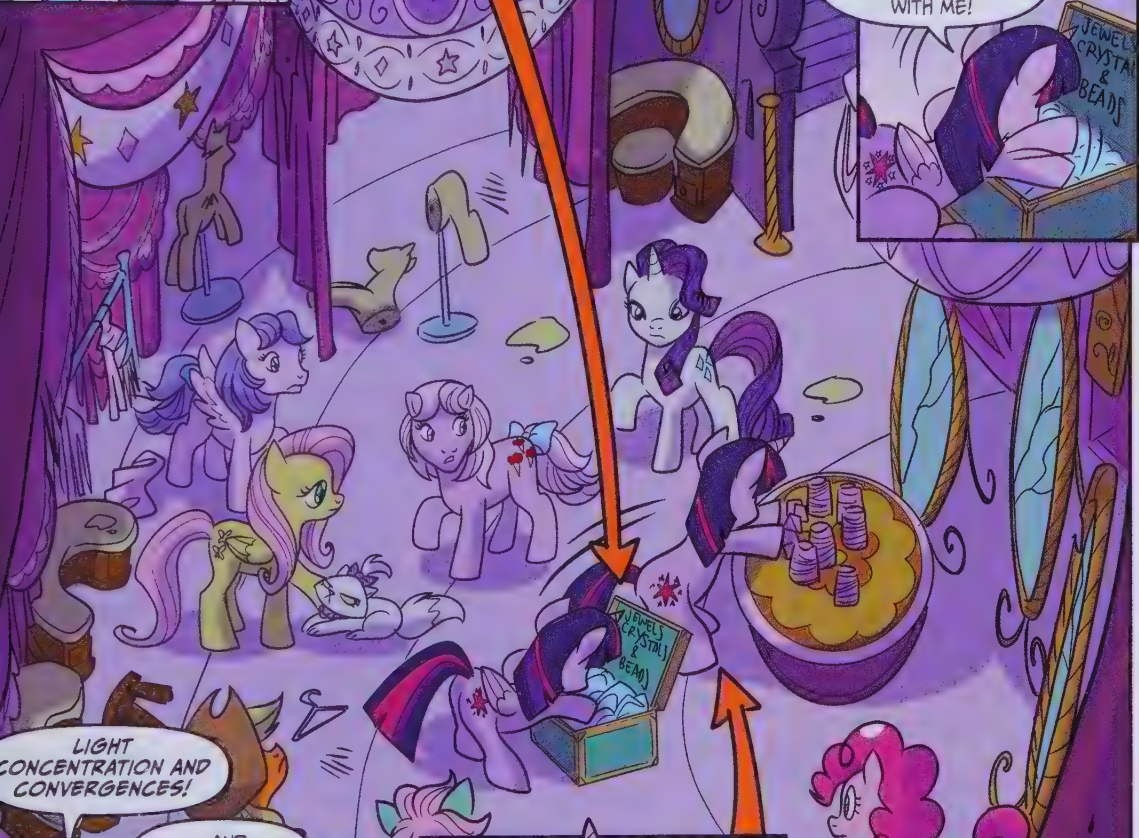
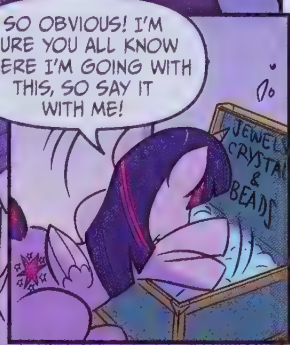
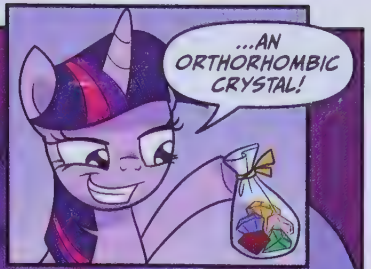
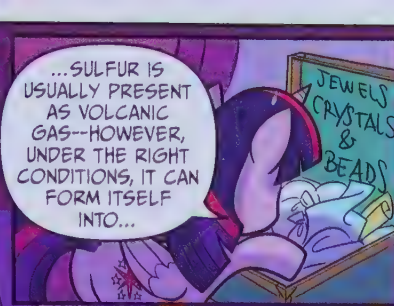
UGH! WHAT IS THAT **SMELL?**

THAT, MY FRIEND, IS LAVA GOBLIN FUR.

IT REEKS OF SULFUR.



I'VE GOT IT!





THESE **ELEMENTS OF HARMONY** UNITE US, PROVIDING THE STRENGTH AND COMPASSION TO PROTECT EQUESTRIA.

WE SEND THIS MAGIC INTO THE **RAINBOW LOCKET**, WITH THE HELP OF OUR NEW FRIENDS.



WELL, NOTHING BLEW UP THIS TIME SO I GUESS WE SHOULD GO TEST IT OUT?



A LITTLE TO THE LEFT, WE DON'T WANT TO HURT THE TREE.

WHY HURT THE TREE WHEN WE CAN JUST HURT OUR BACKS?

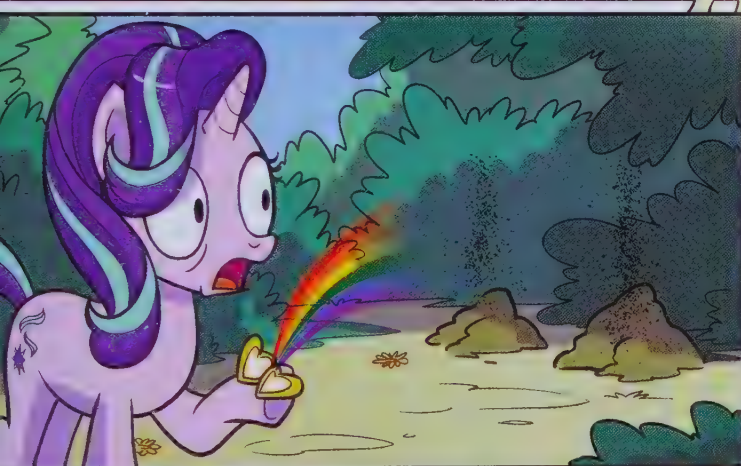
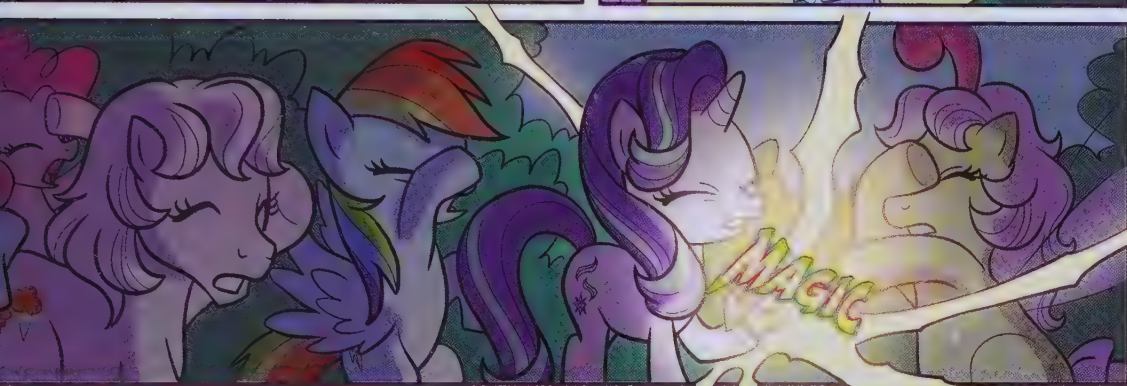
WHAT WAS THAT?

NEVER MIND!



SO, DO I JUST OPEN IT?

BE CAREFUL, STARLIGHT. IT HAS QUITE A KICK.



IT WORKED!
IT WORKED!

LET'S DO IT AGAIN.



TRY MY WONDERBOLTS CUTOUTS!





I'M SORRY, DYRE, BUT I CAN'T THINK OF A WAY TO UPGRADE THE S'MONIES TO BE ABLE TO **SPRAY ACTUAL LAVA OUT OF THEIR ACTUAL EYEBALLS**. WHAT ELSE YOU GOT?

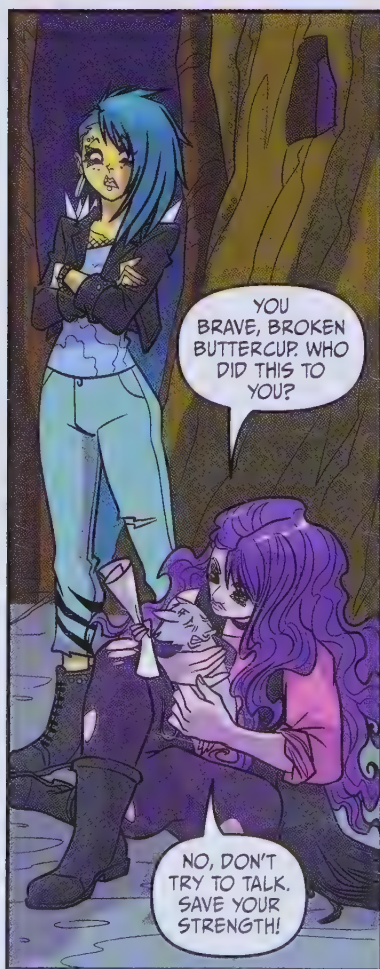
I HAVE TO BE HONEST, NOT FEELING SUPER INSPIRED AFT BEING SHUT DOWN SO HARD.



WOULD IT INSPIRE YOU IF I PRACTICED ON **YOUR EYEBALLS**? WE'RE LUCKY THE SPELL I DID EVEN **WORKS** IN EQUESTRIA IN THE FIRST PLACE!

WAIT, WHAT DID YOU--

OH, TRENCH!
MYPOORBABY
MYBABYMYBABY!



YOU BRAVE, BROKEN BUTTERCUP. WHO DID THIS TO YOU?

NO, DON'T TRY TO TALK. SAVE YOUR STRENGTH!



UH, GRACK?

YOU SHOULD TAKE A LOOK AT THESE.

BUT MAYBE BACK AWAY FROM THE SHARP MEDICAL SUPPLIES FIRST.



LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU WANT TRENCH TO TELL YOU HOW THEY WERE ALSO DECORATING FOR THE PARTY THING.





THIS IS HOW
HEY REPAY ME?
BY HELPING PUT
TOGETHER
A--A--

--A PONY
PROM?

BY BEING
TEACHER OF
THE YEAR?



WHOA THERE,
DISCO INFERNO. I DON'T
THINK OUR MOMS HAVE
VOLCANO OWNER'S
INSURANCE.

NOW, LISTEN, THE
S'MONIES ARE CLEARLY
LACKING SOME GUIDANCE.
WHAT IS IT YOUR MOM
ALWAYS SAYS?

"AS LONG AS YOU
LIVE UNDER MY VOLCANO,
YOU'LL FOLLOW MY
RULES"?

NO,
THE OTHER
THING.

"WHEN I WAS
YOUR AGE, I HAD TO
HEX TEN MILES UPHILL
IN THE SNOW"?

THE ONE SHE
SAYS WHEN WE
MESS UP.

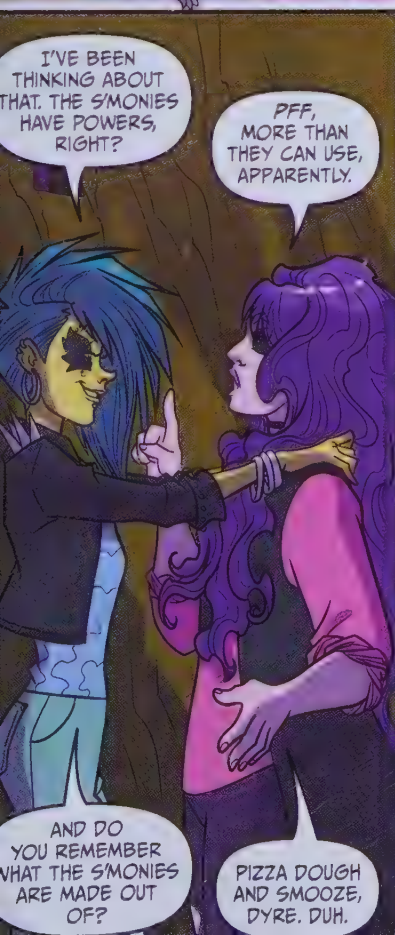


"IF YOU WANT
SOMETHING CURSED,
YOU BETTER DO IT
YOURSELF."



BUT HOW ARE
WE GOING TO DO IT
OURSELVES?

IT'S NOT
LIKE WE CAN
USE OUR MAGIC
OUT THERE.

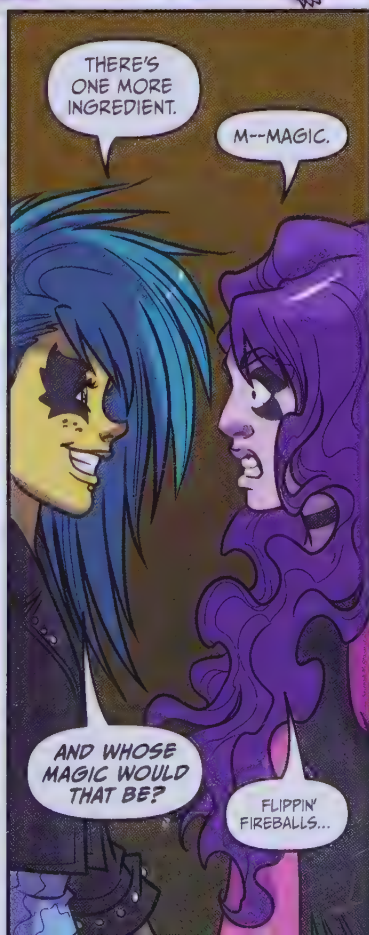


I'VE BEEN
THINKING ABOUT
THAT. THE S'MONIES
HAVE POWERS,
RIGHT?

PFF,
MORE THAN
THEY CAN USE,
APPARENTLY.

AND DO
YOU REMEMBER
WHAT THE S'MONIES
ARE MADE OUT
OF?

PIZZA DOUGH
AND SMOOZE,
DYRE. DUH.

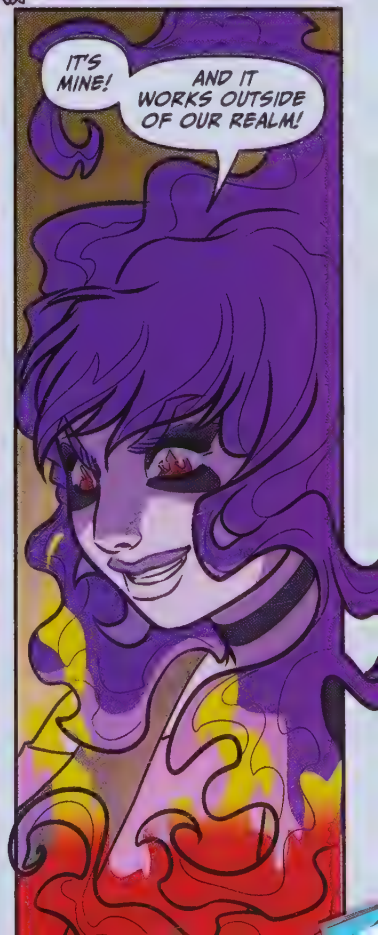


THERE'S
ONE MORE
INGREDIENT.

M--MAGIC.

AND WHOSE
MAGIC WOULD
THAT BE?

FLIPPIN'
FIREBALLS...



IT'S
MINE!

AND IT
WORKS OUTSIDE
OF OUR REALM!



WE'VE GOT
A PARTY TO
CRASH.

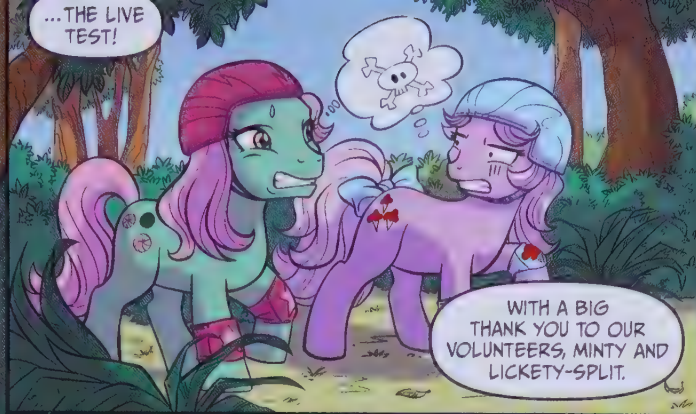




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SO AS YOU CAN SEE, MY HYPOTHESIS WAS PROVEN CORRECT IN OVER 1000 SIMULATIONS. WHICH BRINGS ME TO...



...THE LIVE TEST!

WITH A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS, MINTY AND LICKETY-SPLIT.



JUST A MOMENT WHILE I INSTALL SOME SAFETY MEASURES.

PERFECT!

DASH, INITIATE SAMPLE DROP.



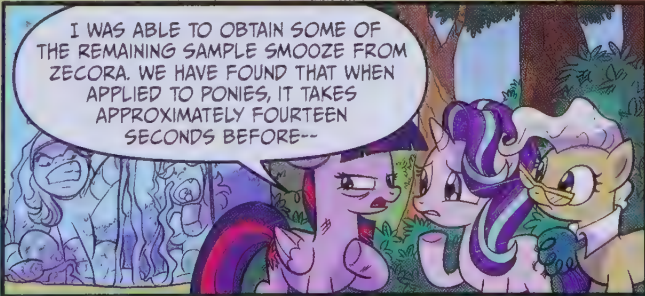
SAMPLE IS A GO.



COME TO AN ALTERNATE UNIVERSE, THEY SAID.

IT'LL BE FUN, THEY SAID.

=WHIMPER=



I WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN SOME OF THE REMAINING SAMPLE SMOOZE FROM ZECORA. WE HAVE FOUND THAT WHEN APPLIED TO PONIES, IT TAKES APPROXIMATELY FOURTEEN SECONDS BEFORE--



--BEFORE I TWIST YOUR WITHERS INTO OBLIVION!

THESE TWO
BRAVE PONIES ARE
NOW FULLY IN THE
GRIPS OF WHAT I CALL
"SMOOZESSION."

PLEASE NOTE
THE FOLLOWING
SYMPTOMS--

--OVERACTIVE
RAGE.

ENHANCE
SCHEMIN'

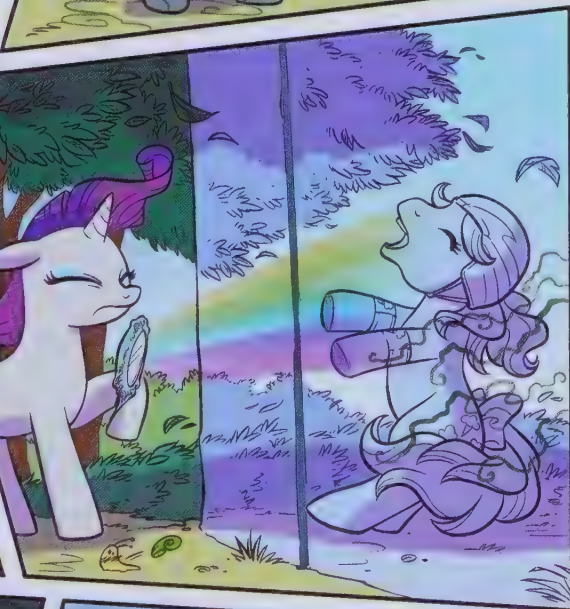
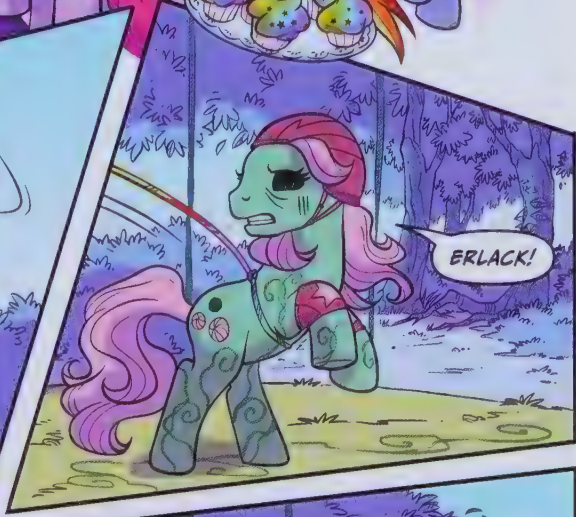
INCREASED
STRENGTH THAT
NEARLY TRIPLES
WHEN IN PROXIMITY
TO NEGATIVE
EMOTIONS.

TIME TO
CHANGE YOUR NAME TO
LICKETY-SPLAT!

CAN YOU
PLEASE GET TO
THE PART WHERE
YOU SHOW US HOW
TO STOP IT?

WITH
PLEASURE.

I FIGURED OUT HOW TO FRACTURE THE LOCKET'S RAINBOW BLAST INTO SIX PIECES. FROM THERE, WE WERE ABLE TO HARNESS IT INTO FORMS THAT ARE A BIT EASIER TO CONTROL.



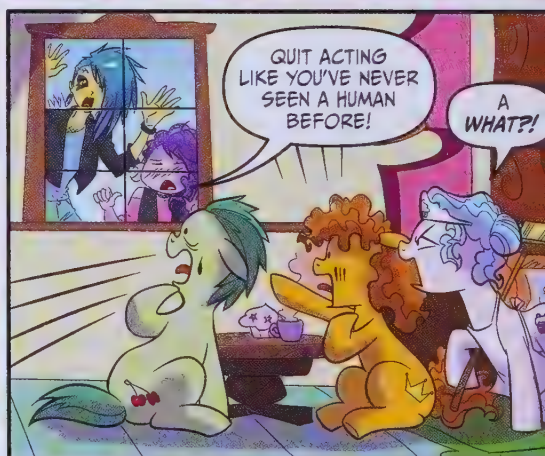
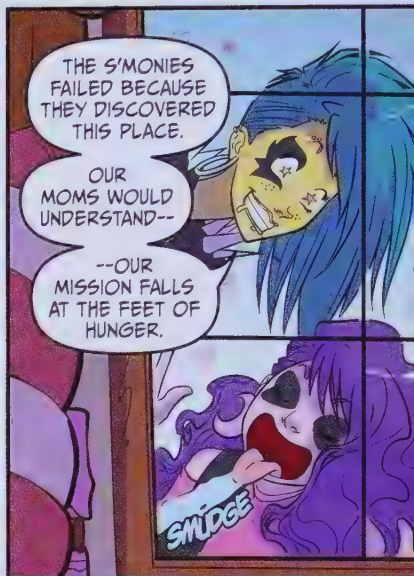
WHILE THE RAINBOW BLAST WAS EFFECTIVE AT DESTROYING THE SMOOZE, WE NEEDED SOMETHING MORE PRECISE.

THE MAGIC REMAINS POTENT ENOUGH TO HALT THE SMOOZESSION AND LEAVES THE FORMERLY INHABITED CREATURE UNHARMED.

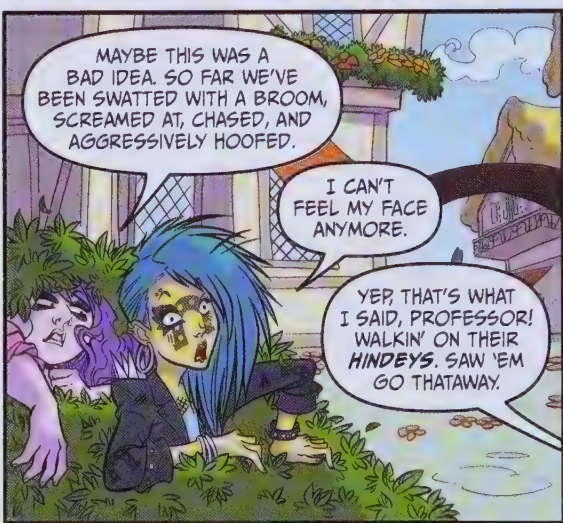
I KNEW YOU COULD FIGURE THIS OUT, TWILIGHT.

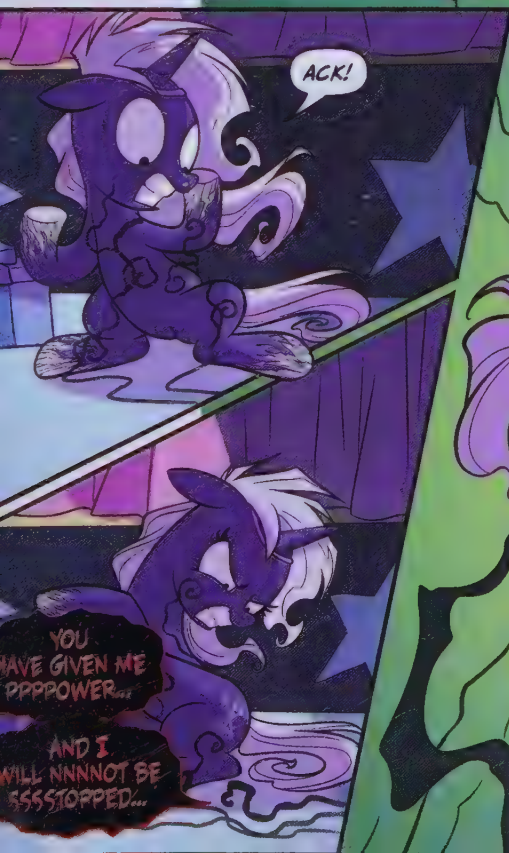
I'M SO PROUD OF ALL OF YOU.

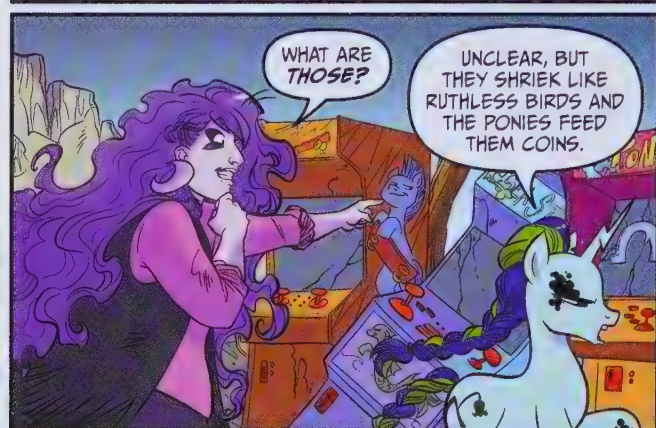
LET'S JUST HOPE THERE AREN'T ANY MORE SURPRISES.

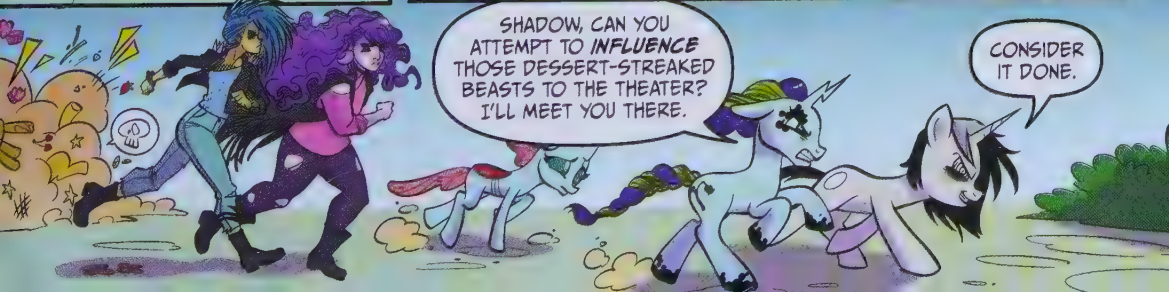
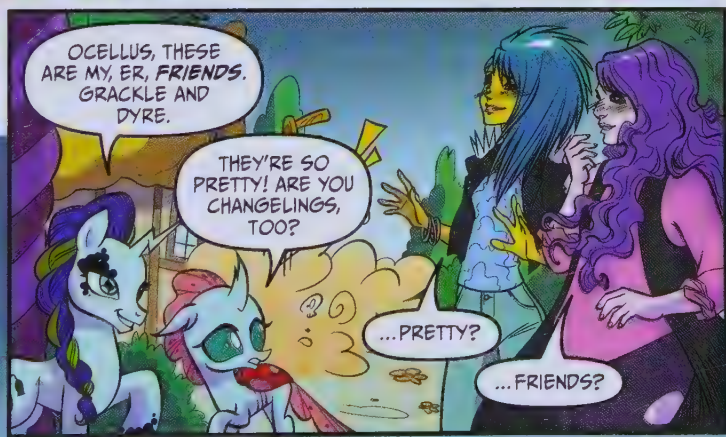
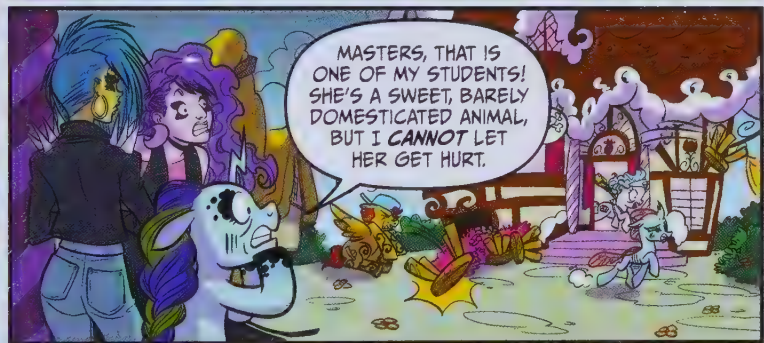












AFTER EVERYTHING WE'VE DONE THE LAST FEW DAYS, YOU *STILL* MANAGED TO PUT TOGETHER AN INCREDIBLE PARTY.

GOSH, THANKS, TWI. BUT I HAD A LOT OF HELP.

SPEAKING OF HELP, HERE COME NORTH STAR AND THE OTHERS.

I SEE THAT RARITY WAS LEFT ALONE WITH THEM.



RARITY, YOU'VE OUTDONE YOURSELF.

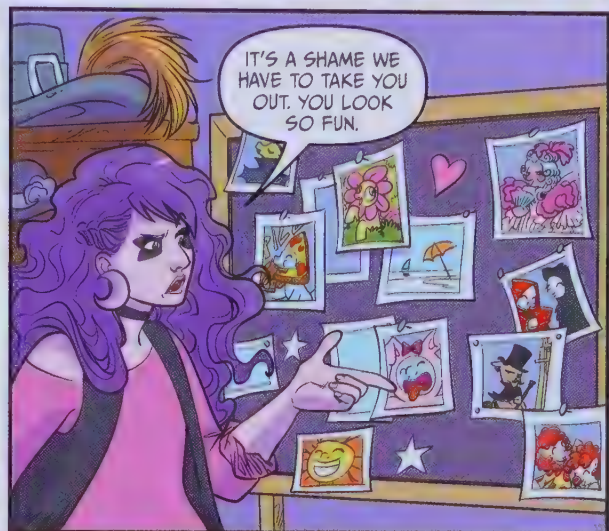
WELL, OUR SPECIAL FRIENDS DESERVE A BIT OF PAMPERING, DON'T YOU THINK?

WE TRIED TO TELL HER IT WASN'T NECESSARY, BUT... I GUESS YOU KNOW HOW SHE IS.

WATCH IT, WE'RE HAVING A MOMENT HERE!

YOWCH!

I THINK IT'S TIME TO KICK YOUR PLAN INTO ACTION, TWILIGHT, BEFORE THINGS GET EVEN WORSE IN HERE.







RARITY, GET YOUR MIRROR AND HELP AS MANY CREATURES AS YOU CAN! PINKIE PIE, GET THE OTHERS GOING. I'M GOING TO HELP DASH!

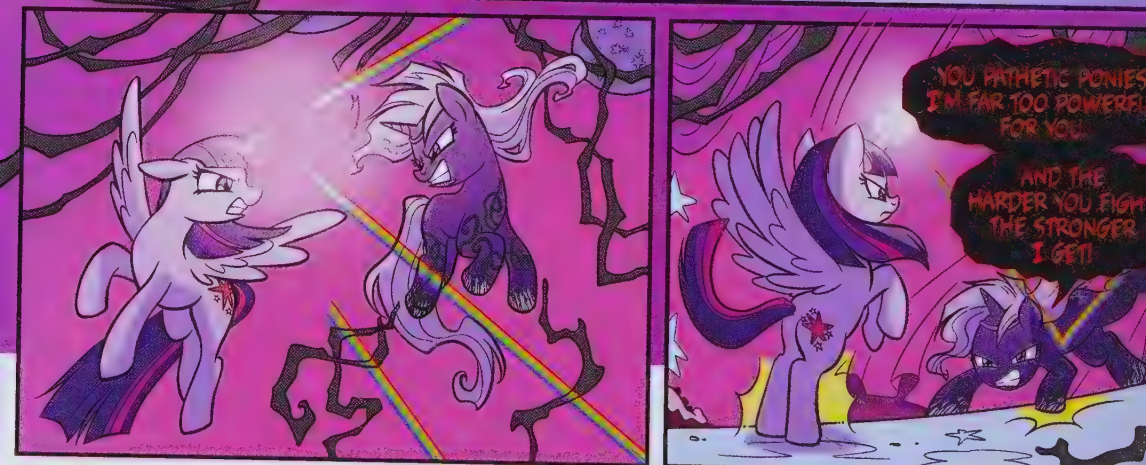
LOFTY, MINTY--YOU TAKE THE FRONT.

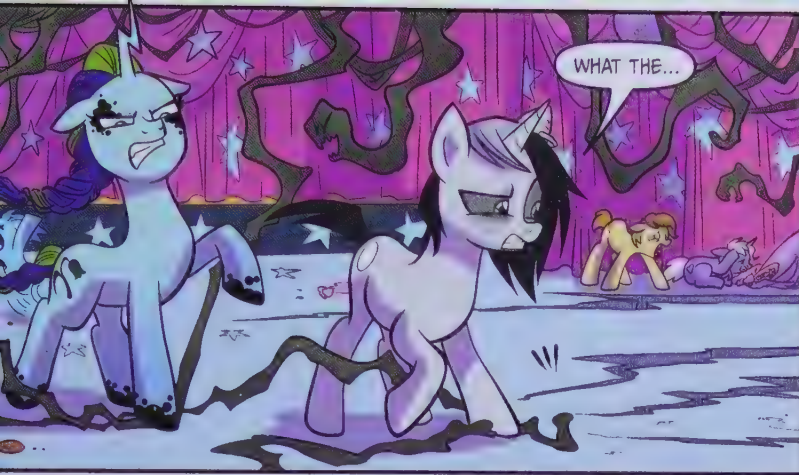
WE'LL TAKE THE BACK.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING BUT BE CAREFUL! WE HAVE TO STOP IT!

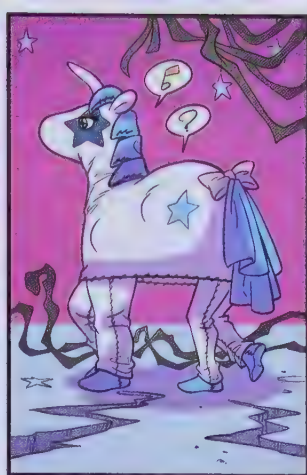
I HEAR SCREAMING! ARE THEY PARTY SCREAMS? WHAT'S GOING ON?

I DON'T BELIEVE YOU WERE INVITED.





WHAT THE...



OW!

URPH!

FORGIVE THE PUMMELING, BUT YOU WERE NEARLY DEVOURER.



I DON'T THINK I LIKE PARTIES. LET'S FIND VIOLET AND GO.

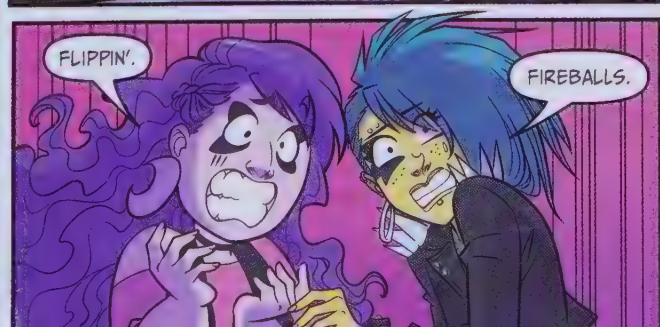
DYRE. LOOK.



SOON I WILL FEED ON ALL OF EQUESTRIA



OOOH, LOOK! APPETIZERS!



FLIPPIN'.

FIREBALLS.



PROFESSOR
SHIVER! PLEASE,
STOP--THIS ISN'T
YOU!

YOU'RE
RIGHT.

IT'S
SOMEpony
BETTER.

LEAVE MY BARELY
ADEQUATE, PAINFULLY
ORDINARY, PRECIOUS
STUDENTS ALONE!

HOW SWEET,
BELLE. I DIDN'T
KNOW YOU
CARED.

CONSIDER
THE MATTER
DROPPED.

IS THIS
THE SORT
OF REVENGE
YOU HAD IN
MIND?

DON'T GIVE
THEM TOO MUCH
CREDIT, BELLE.
YOU KNOW HOW
UNIQUELY
UNGIFTED THEY
ARE.



LOOK WHAT
YOU'VE DONE! THIS
ISN'T REVENGE, THIS IS
DECIMATION! IS THIS
WHAT YOU WANTED?

YOU REALLY
WANNA KNOW WHAT
I WANTED?



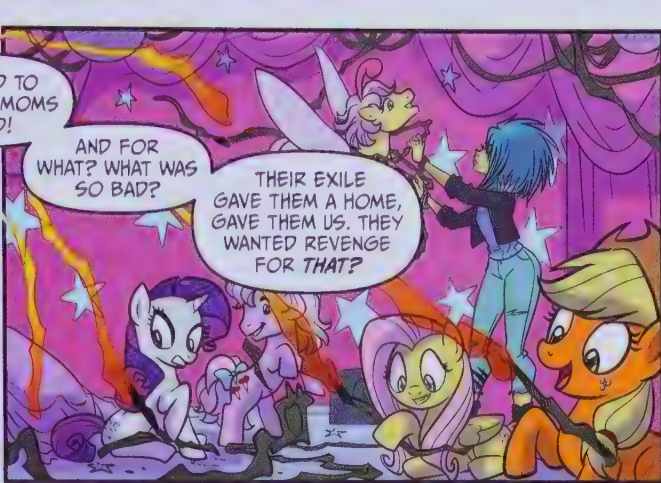
I
WANTED SOME
FREEDOM!

SO I
TOOK IT
AWAY FROM
OTHERS.

I WANTED TO
MAKE OUR MOMS
PROUD!

AND FOR
WHAT? WHAT WAS
SO BAD?

THEIR EXILE
GAVE THEM A HOME,
GAVE THEM US. THEY
WANTED REVENGE
FOR THAT?



I CREATED
YOU TO HURT
OTHERS. I MADE
YOU OUT OF MY
OWN ANGER,
AND IT WAS
WRONG.

I DIDN'T
KNOW WHAT
WE WERE
DESTROYING. I
DIDN'T KNOW
WHAT WAS AT
RISK.



YOU'RE JUST A
LITTLE GIRL WITH A FEW
MAGIC TRICKS.

YOU'RE GOING TO
NEED MUCH MORE THAN
THAT TO TAKE ME ON.



SHE'S
GOT US.

ALL
OF US.



STAY BACK!
I'VE GOT
THIS.

SO MANY OF YOU
HAVE ALREADY BEEN
HURT BECAUSE
OF ME.



YOU'RE HUNGRY
FOR PAIN, FOR
SADNESS.

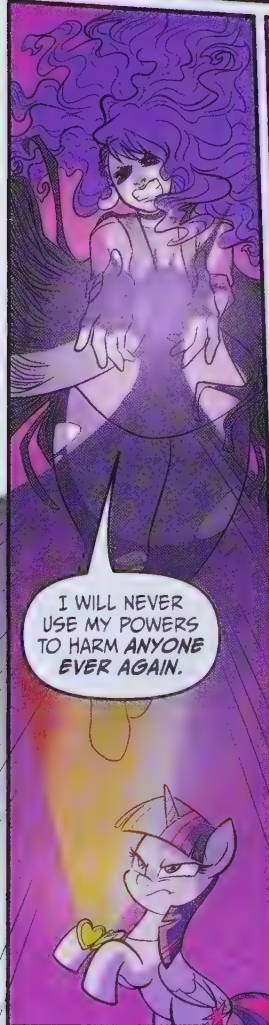
BECAUSE
THAT'S WHAT
I MADE YOU
WITH.



DISPLEASURE IS
DELICIOUS.

WELL, IF IT'S
CHAOS YOU CRAVE,
I HOPE YOU CAN
HANDLE THIS!

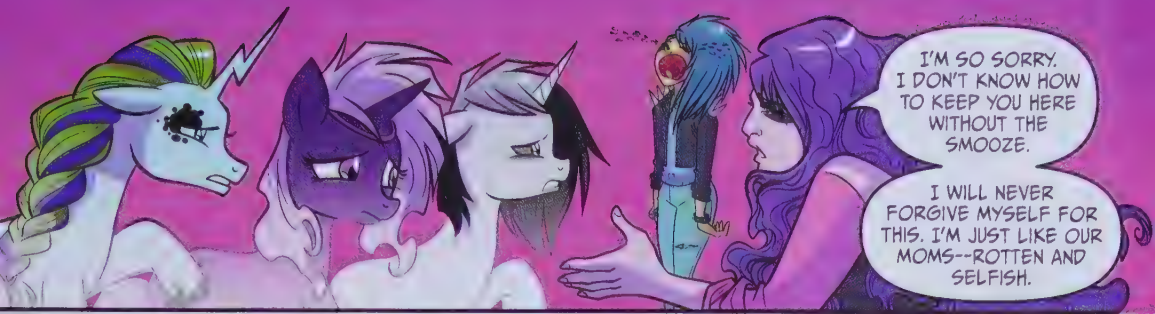
BECAUSE I
DON'T NEED IT
ANYMORE!



I WILL NEVER
USE MY POWERS
TO HARM ANYONE
EVER AGAIN.



IS THE
SMOOZE
GONE?



I'M SO SORRY. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO KEEP YOU HERE WITHOUT THE SMOOZE.

I WILL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF FOR THIS. I'M JUST LIKE OUR MOMS--ROTTEN AND SELFISH.



I KNEW YOUR MOMS. I WAS ONE OF THE PONIES THEY WANTED REVENGE AGAINST, GRACKLE.

YOU'RE NOTHING LIKE THEM. YOU ARE STRONG AND CURIOUS--

--YOU SAW WHAT WAS HAPPENING AND STOPPED IT BEFORE IT WAS TOO LATE.

YOUR MOMS WERE SO AFRAID OF US, THEY NEVER GAVE US THE CHANCE TO BECOME FRIENDS.



EXCUSE ME, COMING THROUGH!

VI? I BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING, AND I HOPE YOU KNOW I STILL MEAN IT.

I THINK SHE'S GONE, PINKIE--



MY BODY HAS BETRAYED ME.

I FEEL LIKE I SWALLOWED A HAY BALE MADE OF BRICKS.

PROFESSOR BELLE!



YOU SAVED US! YOU'RE THE BEST TEACHER EVER!

WHEEZE

A SIMPLE REFLEX. PLEASE REMOVE YOUR GIRTH.



A REFLEX, HUH? I GUESS THAT MEANS THERE'S SOME GOOD IN YOU AFTER ALL.

AND WE CAN STILL USE SOME GOOD TEACHERS.



I--I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY. WE DON'T DESERVE TO STAY.

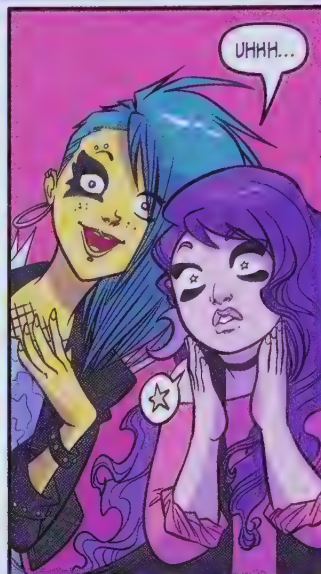
OF COURSE YOU DO. GRACKL DESTROYED THE SMOOZE, BUT YOU'RE STILL HERE.

WHICH MEANS YOU'RE NOT ALL BAD.



I THINK WE'D LIKE THAT, VERY MUCH.

BUT IT'S NOT JUST OUR DECISION.



UHHH...



IT COULD BE REALLY INTERESTING TO HAVE SOME WITCHES AROUND...

...ESPECIALLY TWO COURAGEOUS ONES LIKE YOU, WHO CAME THROUGH FOR THEIR FRIENDS EVEN WHEN IT WAS HARD.



YOUR OFFER IS MEGA-KIND, AND THE S'MON--I MEAN, THE **PONIES** SHOULD STAY...

BUT I THINK WE NEED TO EXPLORE A BIT BEFORE WE DECIDE WHERE TO MAKE OUR NEW HOME, SINCE WE HAVE NO PLANS ON GOING BACK TO THAT VOLCANO ANYTIME SOON.



EXPLORING SOUNDS GRAND TO US. WE HAVEN'T SEEN MUCH OF YOUR WORLD AND I THINK WE'D LIKE TO STAY FOR A BIT, TOO.



ANYPONY WOULD BE LUCKY TO HAVE ALL OF YOU ON THEIR NEXT ADVENTURE.

NEXT ADVENTURE? DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD FINISH THE PARTY FIRST?

The end





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